"All the News That's Fit to Print."

The New York Times.

THE WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness, probably rain late to-day; snow or rain to-morrow; rising easterly winds.
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NATIONAL BANKRUSH TO JOIN NEW SYSTEM

Applications from 213 Received Up to 5 P. M., and Telegrams Still Pouring In.

18 OTHER CONCERNS APPLY

Most Banks Here Await Action of Their Stockholders—Work Begun on Plans for Organization.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo and other officials of the Administration are gratified at the response from the country to the enactment of the new Federal Reserve Banking law. Messages of congratulation from banking institutions in all parts of the country poured into Secretary McAdoo's office to-day, and there was a steady stream of telegrams from presidents of banks making application to become members of the new system.

Up to 5 o'clock this afternoon, at which hour telegraphic applications were still being received, 231 institutions—national banks, State banks, savings banks and trust companies—from thirty-seven different States had applied for membership, and for the privilege of subscribing to the stock. These banks extended from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas.

The 213 national banks that applied for membership had a combined capital and surplus of $181,580,420. Here is the summary of the list:

National Banks Applying.

	National Banks.	Capital and Surplus.
Alabama	4	$3,082,500
Arkansas	1	542,500
California	9	5,963,500
Colorado	6	7,772,000
Delaware	1	175,000
District of Columbia	1	500,000
Georgia	9	9,675,000
Illinois	10	34,064,000
Indiana	4	1,010,000
Iowa	8	1,405,000
Kansas	7	1,615,500
Kentucky	5	780,200
Louisiana	3	4,725,000
Maine	2	750,000
Maryland	14	12,895,720
Masachusetts	3	17,450,000
Michigan	3	1,450,000
Minnesota	1	40,000
Mississippi	1	210,000
Missouri	11	19,025,000
Nebraska	3	472,000
New Hampshire	1	250,000
New York	5	2,400,000
New Jersey	5	1,225,000
New Mexico	1	225,000
North Carolina	4	1,730,000
North Dakota	2	180,000
Ohio	22	35,818,000
Oklahoma	5	339,000
Oregon	3	132,000
Pennsylvania	8	5,253,000
South Carolina	2	725,000
Texas	7	6,407,500
Tennessee	6	3,117,000
Utah	7	2,085,000
Washington	5	3,961,000
Wisconsin	2	730,000

Eleven trust companies, of which three are in Texas, one in Tennessee, one in Virginia, one in Maryland, two in Missouri, one in New York, one in Illinois, and one in the District of Columbia, applied. Five State banks applied of which one each is in California, South Carolina, Texas, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Two savings banks made application, and both are situated in California.

The New York Applications.

Three applications have been received from national banks in the State of New York outside of New York City. Two national banks of New York City have applied—the Harriman, with a capital and surplus of $1,000,000, and the Gotham, with a capital and surplus of $[illegible],000. The Hudson Trust Company of New York City also telegraphed its application. The up-State banks that have applied are the First National of Syracuse, with a capital and surplus of $750,000; the First National of Cooperstown, with $250,000 capital and surplus, and the First National of Poughkeepsie, with $160,000 capital and surplus.

All the national banks of Denver, with the exception of the First National, have telegraphed applications.

Telegrams were received from all six of the national banks in Atlanta, Ga., seeking membership. The banking and commercial interests of Atlanta are understood to be anxious to have that city designated as one of the regional reserve bank cities.

The largest bank thus far applying is the Continental and Commercial National of Chicago, of which George M. Reynolds is President. Its capital and surplus total $29,500,000. The only other Chicago bank forwarding an application is the National Bank of the Republic, with $3,000,000 capital and surplus.

One national bank of New Orleans has applied—the Whitney Central, the largest bank in Louisiana, with a capital and surplus of $4,000,000.

Baltimore's Generous Response.

Eleven national banks of Baltimore have telegraphed applications, with a combined capital and surplus of $12,435,720. Five Baltimore national banks are yet to be heard from. The Munsey Trust Company of Baltimore also applied.

The second largest national bank seeking to be admitted is the Shawmut of Boston, of which William A. Gaston is President. Its capital and surplus aggregate $15,000,000.

The Grand Rapids National City Bank of Grand Rapids, Mich., telegraphed congratulations to Secretary McAdoo and asked to be admitted to membership. It is the largest national bank in that part of Michigan, with a capital and surplus of $1,200,000.

All the Clearing House banks of Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., applied. Four of the eight national banks of St. Louis did likewise. One of these is the Bank of Commerce, the largest national bank in St. Louis, with a capital and surplus of $12,000,000. The Mercantile National Bank, of which Festus J. Wade is President, also applied. Its capital and surplus total $2,000,000. The Third National, with $4,000,000 capital and surplus, and the National Bank of Wellston of St. Louis, with $75,000 capitalization, as well as the Mercantile Trust Company and the St. Louis Union Trust and Savings Company, all of St. Louis, applied.

The First National Bank of Trenton, the largest in that city, with a capital and surplus of $800,000, asked to be included.

Big Showing from Ohio.

All the national banks of Cincinnati, which is understood to be a candidate for selection as a Federal reserve city, sought membership. Their capital and surplus aggregate $20,200,000. All of the

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SANTA DIES ON XMAS TRIP.

Struggle Through Snow to Poor Boys' Home Fatal to Mr. Heap.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—Little crippled Wilbur Harris, 8 years old, is to have a merry Christmas, but his Santa Claus is dead. It was W. H. Heap, a philanthropist, who came to Denver from Paterson, N. J., because stricken with tuberculosis, who made possible the salvation of the Christmas myth for Wilbur. Mr. Heap's death came yesterday because ignored his physician's order to remain in bed and walked several blocks through deep snow in the impoverished section of the city. He carried a sled, a train of toy cars, clothes, rubbers, candy, and many other presents for the destitute Harris family.

Mr. Heap learned that Mrs. Harris, in desperation, had told her little boy that there was no Santa Claus for poor children. He rose from his bed and in his automobile drove to the shopping district, where he himself made the selection of gifts for the family. The automobile could not penetrate the deep drifts of snow in the lower part of town, so Mr. Heap, staggering under his burden, walked to the Harris door, two blocks away. Leaving the gifts with the mother, he said:

"The sled will do the boy lots of good. I think if he can get out into the open, with plenty of warm clothes, he may be cured partially of his ailment. God's open air is the best thing we have, anyway."

A violent coughing spell seized the philanthropist, who was half carried to his motor car by Mrs. Harris. He was hurried home and specialists were summoned, but it was too late. He was dead.

Special to The New York Times.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 24.—W. H. Heap, Jr., whose death is reported from Denver, was 26 years old, and was a son of William H. Heap, a wealthy holder of real estate in Paterson, living at 658 East Twenty-eighth Street. He suffered from tuberculosis, and about three years ago went to Denver in the hope of regaining his health. His father left to join him on learning that he was failing rapidly, but arrived too late. The young man's wife survives him. Mr. Heap, Jr., was well known for his many acts of kindness and charity while living in Paterson.

McADOO ACTING PRESIDENT.

How Other Cabinet Officers Are Spending the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo will be Acting President of the United States to-morrow. In the absence of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall he becomes the ranking official left in Washington for Christmas Day.

Speaker Clark, after having Christmas dinner with his family, will leave for a lecture tour in New England, which will continue until Congress reassembles on Jan. 12. Secretary Bryan is at his Winter home at Miami, Fla.; Secretary Garrison will spend Christmas Day with his brother at Merchantville, N. J., and later will spend a few days with Mrs. Garrison at Atlantic City. Secretary Daniels will dine in Washington, but will later spend a few days in Raleigh, N. C.

All other Cabinet officers will dine at their homes here with the exception of Attorney General McReynolds, who will spend Christmas Day with his mother at Elkton, Ky.

TREE CRASHES ON AUTO.

Dr. and Mrs. Beattie Have Narrow Escape When Locust Falls.

Dr. J. H. Beattie and his wife were riding in the front seat of their automobile from Hastings to Dobbs Ferry at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a locust tree sixty feet tall, which stood in a row of locusts several feet above the roadway, suddenly toppled and fell with a crash across the highway. The trunk struck the rear set of the automobile, crumpling it flat against the road and stopping the machine in its tracks.

The abrupt halt threw Dr. and Mrs. Beattie back against the rear of their seats and they were clubbed and scratched by some of the large branches, but neither was seriously hurt.

The embankment in which the locust was rooted had been undermined by the rain of Tuesday night and the tree had stood tottering through the day. Engineers were sent out late in the afternoon to make sure of the security of other locusts in the same row.

ASKS PRAYER FOR A REUNION

End of Family Differences, a Christmas Text.

An old man, upon whose face the years had left their traces, and whose manner showed the refinement of an upbringing in an old-fashioned American home, walked with rather hesitant step into THE TIMES office yesterday. With some embarrassment, he handed in a letter, explaining that he was one of the two persons referred to in it, and that he wanted to enlist the help of all the silent prayers on Christmas day to effect a reunion which, somehow, had defied his bungling human efforts throughout the many years.

The letter, written in fine but slightly tremulous handwriting, was headed "A Merry and Happy Christmas," and said:

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Upon this, the most universally celebrated of all the days of the year—the birthday of Christ, born into this world that through His life and intercession all men should be saved—Christ is love. There are in this city two, the last of a large family of children, native citizens; one 76 years old, the other in the last decade of the eighties. They have been estranged for many years, although repeated efforts have been made by one that a reunion as of childhood days should take place. These efforts have been made in writing and by repeated calls—the last on Sunday, the 21st inst. All have failed.

Is it asking too much that churchgoers upon this Christmas in their silent prayers shall pray that family differences of all shall be forgotten? S. T. L.

The old man left the letter, thanked THE TIMES for publishing it, and walked with lighter step out of the office.

Greater Sail Area for Defender.

BRISTOL, R. I., Dec. 24.—The Vanderbilt yacht now building here as a candidate for the defense of America's Cup is to have a greater sail area than was at first proposed, it was learned to-night. That is said to be the reason for the change in plans already announced, by which additional ballast is to be carried on the keel, instead of inside the yacht. The extent of the proposed sail increase is not announced.

SCORES OF TRUSTS ARE SEEKING PEACE

Belief That American Sugar and Others Will Compromise with Department of Justice.

GOVERNMENT IS HOPEFUL

Wilson's Speech an Intimation That He Is Willing to Meet Big Business Half Way.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is the expectation in official circles that when Attorney General McReynolds returns to Washington next week he will receive visits from officers and attorneys of big industrial combinations whose attitude has indicated that they are not unwilling to discuss with Mr. McReynolds the proposals he has in mind for a reorganization of their business affairs and the abandonment of contemplated Government prosecution of these organizations as combinations in restraint of trade and commerce.

In connection with the arrangement for the voluntary dissolution of the telephone-telegraph merger, it has become known that ever since he assumed office the Attorney General has been conferring with representatives of so-called trusts in regard to suggestions from him that they might escape prosecution through conforming to his ideas as to reorganization or dissolution. These exchanges formed the basis for statements made by President Wilson to White House visitors last Monday to the effect that there was an indication through inquiries made at the Department of Justice that many of the big corporations were anxious to conform to the wishes and views of the Government.

Tentative overtures to the Department of Justice from representatives of the American Sugar Refining Company have given ground for hope on the part of officials that this great combination will soon follow in the footsteps of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in offering to enter an arrangement with the Attorney General which will bring about a reorganization or a readjustment of its affairs that will meet the objection of Mr. McReynolds to its present administration and methods. So far, however, these overtures have not reached the stage of a direct expression of willingness on the part of the sugar company to conform to the Attorney General's views. But the prospect is regarded as encouraging, and something tangible may result when Mr. McReynolds returns to Washington.

Within the past few days there have been rumors that corporations, which have been sued by the Government under the Sherman law, or whose affairs are being investigated as a preliminary to probable prosecution, are tumbling over each other, figuratively speaking, in the effort to obtain immunity. Officers of the Department of Justice deny that this is the case. They admit that inquiries have been made, indicating that combinations are anxious to ascertain how they may conduct their business without danger of Federal prosecution, but in no case, it was stated to-night, had any corporation shown a willingness to reorganize along lines laid down by the Attorney General, or even admit that their affairs require readjustment. The New Haven Railroad is a possible exception to this condition, as the negotiations conducted between its representatives and the Attorney General have all been with a view to the reorganization of that transportation system.

At the same time, the situation from the Administration view-point is very encouraging. President Wilson intended his remarks last night to those who witnessed his approval of the new currency law to be interpreted as an expression of willingness on the part of the Administration to m[illegible] big business interests half way in any desire on their part to arrange their affairs and methods of operation so as to conform to the views of the Department of Justice. That the invitation will be accepted some officials do not doubt, but just at this time they do not feel justified in saying that the inquiries received from corporations should be taken as direct offers to meet the Government's virtual demands.

Shoe Machinery Officials Silent.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—When asked to-day concerning a report that the Government and the United Shoe Machinery Company were negotiating for a settlement of the dissolution suit against the United, Sidney W. Winslow, President of the company, said he had heard that negotiations were under way, but referred inquiries to his counsel. Charles F. Choate, attorney for the company, said that he preferred not to discuss the matter.

WARRANTS OUT FOR COAN.

Countess Santa Eulalia Charges Him with Criminal Libel.

Special to The New York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—G. Henry Stetson and his mother, the Countess Santa Eulalia, (formerly Mrs. John E. Stetson,) have obtained warrants for the arrest of M. Blair Coan on the charge of criminal libel. This action is based upon interviews alleged to be false and malicious, given by Coan to the Philadelphia newspapers and printed this morning.

Indignant at the assertions of Coan, who is an investigator and former newspaper man of this city, that he had been employed by Mr. Stetson to foment a revolution in Portugal, so that she might become Queen of that country, the Countess entered an emphatic denial to the charges to-day.

"I am astonished that any one takes sufficient interest in this case to question me about it," said the Countess. "It is the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of. I should laugh at it myself if it were not that the Count is alleged to have plotted against his own country. The Count laughed and dismissed the charges when we spoke about them last night. Every one who knows him realizes that he is not the kind of man to plot for a revolution or for anything unpleasant. The Count is for peace and good order, not for a revolution against organized government.

"Personally, I am much grieved to know so much publicity has been given to the statements of that man. I know nothing whatever about my son's relations with him, if, indeed, he had any business with him, but I do not believe he would ever suggest such a thing as that man spoke of.

"The Count is interested in Portugal solely to promote its welfare and the happiness of its people."

Four Questions Answered with Authority.
Is the President's Vision True or Illusive?
Is the Tango Harmful to Middle-aged Dancers?
Is the College Student a Joke?
What Will the New Employers' Liability Law Do?
IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

'MOVE ON OJINAGA; GIVE NO QUARTER'

Villa Orders 4,200 Troopers to Attack Federals and Execute Generals.

CHIHUAHUA, Dec. 24.—Forty-two hundred rebel cavalrymen with ten cannons and six machine guns have left Chihuahua to begin the long-delayed attack on the Federals at Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas. The rebels, commanded by Gen. Ortega, have been ordered to exterminate the Federals or drive them across the United States border.

"Sweep the border clear of Federals, and do not take any prisoners," was Gen. Francisca Villa's order to Gen. Ortega. "There must not be a Federal left alive on this side of the border."

Gen. Villa said that if the Federal Genreals Orozco and Roja were captured they would be shot as traitors.

Loaded in six trains, with large supplies of ammunition, the Ojinaga expedition started from here, purposing to travel by rail as far as Hermigas and thence to march overland to Ojinaga. Gen. Villa watched the departure of his soldiers and expressed confidence over the outcome, saying the Federals would either be driven across the border or broken up into small bands.

The bottling up of the Federals in the city of Torreon 200 miles south of here, the occupation by the rebels of part of the city, and the rebel capture of Lerda and Gomez Palacio, important adjoining towns, were confirmed in reports received to-day.

The rebel dispatches said that Gen. Herrera now had Torreon practically under his control, with little loss of life, and that he would await further reinforcements before attempting a rout of the Federals. The Federal telegraph to Monterey and Saltillo has been cut, and should the garrison of Torreon be driven eastward it is said that it would have no alternative but a desperate retreat.

Torreon has been often captured or lost by either side. Its importance lies in its being a railroad centre.

Gen. Villa purposes remaining here to await the outcome of the Ojinaga campaign.

Despite Gen. Villa's statement to the United States Government that he is not detaining wives and children of men who have left the country, it is known here that he has denied them facilities for leaving the city. The demand for trains for military purposes was given as a reason for not providing means to transport the Mexican families who wished to leave.

LIND AT FLEET DINNER.

British Admiral Was Invited, but He Went Hunting.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 24.—Although Admiral Cradock received an invitation to attend the Christmas banquet on the Nebraska to-night, he went with other British officers for a hunting trip in the neighborhood of Jalapa. Admiral Fletcher arrived today on the Rhode Island.

John Lind has advices from Tampico that the rebels have left that neighborhood, evidently for good. He was the guest of honor on the Nebraska to-night.

REBELS FEAST U. S. OFFICERS.

Applaud Admiral Cowles's Non-Intervention Speech.

CULIACAN, Sinaloa, Mexico, Dec. 24.—After being entertained here at a banquet and ball, Rear Admiral Cowles, commanding the United States Pacific Fleet, Capt. W. W. Gilmer of the cruiser Pittsburgh and five other American naval officers, left this city to-day for the coast. Felipe Riveras, Constitutionalist Governor of Sinaloa; Gen. Iturbe, insurgent commander in the State, and other Mexican officers and officials will probably visit the American ships.

At a banquet last night Admiral Cowles, answering an address by Col. Eduardo Hay, Chief of Staff to Gen. Iturbe, said that jingoism did not exist in the United States and never had existed to any extent. He said the United States wished Mexico to settle her own differences and expressed the hope that the disturbances would be regulated promptly. The Admiral also expressed good feeling for the Mexican people. The speech was applauded vigorously.

As far as was made known, Admiral Cowles's visit was purely social. He and his party went to the coast on Gov. Riveras's special train, which brought them here.

BRITISH PREPARED TO LAND.

Would Have Done So if Mexicans Had Closed Cowdray's Road.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It has been learned through official sources that the real mission of the British cruisers sent from Jamaica to the eastern coast of Mexico was not for the protection alone of British subjects in Mexico, but to enforce an agreement embraced in the concession to the Pearson Syndicate that the oil properties of the syndicate and the Tehuantepec Railroad should not be interfered with by the hostilities between the Federals and the revolutionary forces, and that it was the purpose of Great Britain to land marines, if necessary, to keep the railroad open. The Pearson Syndicate is the principal owner of the Tehuantepec Railroad, the Mexican Government having a fractional interest.

It does not appear that this Govern-

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FRIEND A SUICIDE IN GRIEF FOR COUCH

Shocked at Discovery of "Hidden Woman," Smith Ends Life with Pistol Lawyer Gave Him.

Special to The New York Times.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—With an old-fashioned revolver, which Melvin H. Couch had given him, Stanley Smith killed himself this evening. He had been deeply grieved by the revelation of Couch's secret life which was made to Monticello and to all the world when Couch died suddenly Sunday morning. When Mrs. Couch went to the office a few hours after the old lawyer died and found Adelaide M. Brance there, and when the story flew from house to house that this woman had for three years lived secretly in the inner room of that office, no one in the village was more shocked than Mr. Smith. He was a retired jeweler, who, like Couch was 65 years old, and who had been to school with the man who afterward became one of the leading lawyers in this part of the State. And he was saddened by the slimness of the group that went to the funeral and by the shortness of the file of carriages that followed the hearse out to the snow-covered cemetery.

At sundown this evening he asked his wife to do his chore—the feeding of the chickens—and while she was scattering the corn in the yard at the rear of their home in Liberty Street he went to his room and got out the old revolver. It was of a by-gone make with an extremely long barrel, and, to turn it against himself, he had to place the muzzle at his temple, steady the handle against the wall, and work the trigger with a stick. His wife found him dead on the floor.

The gun has a history. It was to Couch a souvenir of his biggest case as District Attorney of Sullivan County years ago—the murder case of Jack Allen, who was the last man to be hanged in this county. Couch, then in his prime, was the prosecutor, and when, with a nonchalance that is still a favorite story in Monticello, Allen paid the death penalty, Couch asked the Sheriff for the gun Allen had used in the murder. It was this gun which later Couch gave to Smith, and with which Smith this evening took his life.

Adelaide Brance still lies in the hospital of the county jail here. The raving of last night is over, and only melancholy remains. She knows that her brother, Herbert O. Brance, will come from Hartwick on Christmas night or the morning after. She is content to wait till he comes and to go where he advises. She stipulates only that she be sent from the jail when the streets of the village are dark, and she says she will not leave Monticello until she has paid one visit to Rock Ridge Cemetery, where Couch lies buried.

H. O. Brance, who is Postmaster at Hartwick, a village near Cooperstown, where the woman was born forty years ago, telephoned to Sheriff Kinnie to-day saying that he would be here Christmas night to protect his sister, and to give her such aid as she might need. Later in the day he telegraphed urging the Sheriff to hold his sister till his coming, and under no circumstances to let her slip away without his having seen her.

District Attorney George L. Cooke said this afternon:

"Miss Brance has told me that she has no wish to do anything that will in any way add to the sorrows of Mrs. Couch, and that as soon as she is able she will quit Monticello for good. She is on the verge of a collapse."

Mr. Cooke said that in his opinion Miss Brance was not in the best condition mentally. He said he had heard that she had threatened to commit suicide, but added that she had said nothing to him of that sort.

BRANCE WON'T HOUSE SISTER.

Nor Will He Take Her With Him Back to Hartwick, Brother Says.

Special to The New York Times.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Herbert O. Brance, Postmaster at Hartwick, a brother of Adelaide M. Brance, the "hidden woman" of Monticello, said to-day:

"I will go to my sister on Christmas Day and help her to make plans for the future. I will not harbor her at my house, nor will I bring her back to Hartwick with me. I am sorry for what she has done, but I cannot allow her to live at my home. I am afraid that none of her relatives in this vicinity will shelter her. I do not know what she intends to do.

"The man Couch came to Hartwick three years ago and represented Addie in the sale of the homestead, part of which was willed to her at the death of her mother. We did not know of her whereabouts at that time, and had not heard from her until this morning, when I saw news of the case in the papers. My wife does not know anything about it yet, and I am trying to keep it from her as long as possible."

Special to The New York Times.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Susan C. Ostrom of Goshen, N. Y., with whom Miss Adelaide M. Brance boarded years ago, is visiting here. She refused to-day to discuss Miss Brance's life at Goshen, other than to say that she paid her board regularly and came and went as she liked. Mrs. Ostrom said she knew nothing of Miss Brance's private life.

WINCARNIS, The Wine of Life.
Enriches the blood and vitalizes the nervous system. A pure wine extract of beef and extract of malt.—Adv.

CITY'S CHRISTMAS BEGINS OUTDOORS

Church Bells and Songs Usher in the Joyful Season at Two Celebrations.

SMALL BOY'S HIGH HONOR

He Touches a Button and Lights the Big Tree—Weather Man Predicts Rain for Afternoon.

When darkness settled over the city last night, and the hands of the big clock in the Metropolitan tower pointed to 5:30, a little, wide-eyed boy was singled out of the crowd already assembling in Madison Square Garden, and those who ushered him into unwonted honor told him to press a certain button. He pressed it, and, as if at a signal, there blazed forth from the top of a huge pine tree the Star of Bethlehem. Then suddenly the whole tree twinkled with a thousand lights, and, walking on air, his eyes shining, the little boy stepped back into the crowd. At the same moment, downtown on the steps of City Hall, the Mayor of New York pressed another button, and so set alight another tree, strung with myriad lamps.

So were lighted the Christmas trees for all those in New York who had no trees of their own. The pressing of the buttons by the Mayor of the city and the little boy singled out of the crowd started the celebration of Christmas Eve for all the homeless, the lonely, the folk of the hall bedrooms, the strangers in New York at Christmas time. From nightfall until midnight, the trees twinkled and for the shifting crowds that passed around them, there was music all the evening.

That tree in Madison Square Garden, which is to shine out every night throughout the Christmas holidays, was the gift of Isaac H. Homestead of Westbury, and it had been growing tall and straight for nearly half a century in the Long Island woods just for last night. It took two teams of strong horses to drag it from the woods to Madison Square.

And when the Star of the East shone out from the topmost branch and all the other lights dressed the evergreen with a wonderful radiance, the bells in the churches thereabout began to chime, and their accompaniment was the deep notes of the bells in the Metropolitan Tower.

When the chimes had been rung a squad of trumpeters stood to give the Parsifal Call, the beginning of the music in the park. The great number came at 6:30 o'clock, when the singers of the Oratorio Society gave "Holy Night" and a Christmas carol of which Jean Dwight Franklin wrote the words and Arthur Farwell wrote the music just for the tree in Madison Square Garden. After that, off and on throughout the evening, the old-time Christmas hymns were sung—the last by a hundred rich voices of the Negro Choral Society.

The music that held the crowds in City Hall Park was furnished by the Police Band, by the Boss Bakers' Singing Association of Brooklyn, and by the United Singers of New York. But this was not all. There were Australian woodchoppers making the chips fly from the big logs laid on the ground within the circle of light cast by the tree itself, there were moving-picture shows, and there were sandwiches, coffee and cakes distributed to all who asked. This Christmas party was the gift of The New York American.

Perhaps the chimes of last night might have rung out on more frosty air; perhaps these Christmas waits were not as bundled up against a nipping night wind as all true chroniclers of Christmas say they should be, but the mildness of the weather, if unseasonable, was suitable for the celebration of an open-air Christmas Eve. It was but a forerunner of to-day, for the weather man not only cannot promise a white Christmas, but he cannot promise a clear one. His predictions are for rain that will come by noon or the early afternoon, continuing to-morrow, with the possibility then of snow.

RECLUSE LEAVES $100,000.

Woman Who Lived in Poor Quarters Gives All to Charity.

Special to The New York Times.

METUCHEN, N. J., Dec. 24.—When the will of Mrs. Amelia Marks of New Brunswick is made public in about ten days, with its probate at the office of the Surrogate of Middlesex County, it will reveal a fortune of $100,000, most of it to be held in trust for charity. Mrs. Marks had lived for years as a recluse in a ramshackle building in the poorest section of New Brunswick. She died yesterday. Her husband died nine months ago, leaving a fortune of $60,000 to his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks owned some of the most valuable property in the city. They were known to have accumulated a fortune, but it was said by Abraham Levy, a nephew, that in a will drawn by Counsellor Frederick Weigel relatives were cut off.

WENMAN FILES CROSS SUIT.

Names Henry Slack as Co-respondent—Asks for Custody of Child.

Special to The New York Times.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—Homer S. Cummings, counsel for Byrd W. Wenman, a New York Cotton Exchange broker, whose wife, Mrs. Louise Ladew Wenman, is suing him for a divorce, filed to-day in the Superior Court a cross suit for divorce and an answer to Mrs. Wenman's complaint.

In the cross suit Mr. Wenman makes circumstantial counter-charges of infidelity, naming Henry Slack, a cotton broker of New York, as co-respondent. Mr. Wenman also charges that for more than a year his wife has been habitually intemperate. He asks for a divorce and the custody of their minor child, Byrd W. Wenman, Jr., aged 5 years.

The Wenmans were married on Nov. 2, 1904, and last Spring Mrs. Wenman began her action for divorce on the ground of cruelty, leaving her husband's house here. She has since been living with her father, John T. Williams of 815 Madison Avenue, New York. Mrs. Wenman's family is wealthy and socially prominent.

LARKIN COMING TO AMERICA.

Will Carry on His "Fiery Cross" Mission Here, He Asserts.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—James Larkin, the leader of the Irish Transport Workers, who have been on strike here since September, is going to the United States early in the new year to carry on his "fiery cross" mission among the laboring men.

He will at the same time collect funds, he informed the strikers in a speech delivered to-day at Kilmainham, a suburb of Dublin.

PANAMA HATS ON BROADWAY

Christmas Eve Anachronism Stirs Times Square to Mirth.

Two sedate and prosperous-looking men set Times Square a-chuckling last evening by sauntering down Broadway, each with his head adorned with a wide-brimmed Panama hat.

Passersby halted, stared, thought of the roses that had been blooming out Long Island way, remembered that the air of Christmas Eve was supposed by all the rules to be white with falling snow, understood, grinned and went on their way.

CARNEGIE'S PEACE GIFTS.

He Sends Prints of a Cartoon to Bryan, Garrison, and Daniels.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Prints of a peace cartoon handsomely framed were sent by Andrew Carnegie as Christmas gifts to Secretary Bryan, Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels. The cartoon represents a soldier going to war, while his little child asks if he is going away to kill the father of some other child.

Secretary Garrison was asked to comment on the gift.

"Yes, it is a very handsome frame," he said.

Secretary Daniels was also asked to comment.

"I am glad that Mr. Carnegie was good enough to remember me at Christmas," was his response.

Secretary Bryan's cartoon is at the State Department, awaiting Mr. Bryan's return from Florida.

NO TOLMAN PARDON YET.

Glynn Won't Pass on Money Lender's Plea Until After Christmas.

Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Friends of Daniel H. Tolman, the convicted money lender, were at the Capitol to-day begging the Governor to pardon him, but Mr. Glynn refused to act on the application until after Christmas. Tolman is serving a six months' sentence on Hart's Island.

Tolman's attorneys yesterday brought $500,000 in notes with them to the Capitol and offered to burn them in the Executive Chamber if the Governor would issue the pardon. However, the lawyers said Tolman desired to reserve the right to sue on some of the notes.

MRS. DE PASTOR LOSES SUIT

Court Refuses to Annul Her Marriage to Spanish Diplomat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Counsel for Louis de Pastor, Spanish Ambassador to China, announced to-night that the suit of Constance Lee de Pastor for annulment of her marriage to the diplomat had been dismissed by Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court for lack of evidence. Court officials refused to make any statement concerning the case, the record of which was sealed after a private hearing.

Señor de Pastor formerly was attached the Spanish Legation here, and his wife was Miss Constance Lee, prominent in Washington society. Filing of the suit created astonishment in official and social circles of the capital several years ago. Mrs. de Pastor has been living in San Francisco for some time.

$150,000 GIFT TO DAUGHTER

D. W. Brown Also Gave Her a $16,000 Necklace on Her Marriage.

Special to The New York Times.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—"It was only a trifle, I assure you." This was the declaration of D. W. Brown on his return to-day from New York, when asked concerning his bridal gift to his daughter, Miss Hazel Bird Brown, who was married in New York City on Dec. 10 to Capt. J. W. Flanagan, U. S. A.

Mr. Brown admitted, however, that his gift had been a check for $150,000 and a necklace. He would not say what the necklace cost, but friends of the family here say they know he paid $16,000 for it.

Capt. Flanagan's gift to his bride, the father-in-law explained, was a lavalliere of the bridegroom's own design, "worth many times more than my little present."

In addition to the bridal gift, although he would not confirm or deny the rumor, Mr. Brown is said to be preparing to present the couple with a large block of Denver realty.

MESSAGE WITH LONE BABY.

"A Merry Christmas to You Who Take It," Says Note.

With her arms full of Christmas bundles, Mrs. Sarah Schechner had toiled to the seventh floor of the tenement at 57 West 117th Street, just after dark last evening, when, in the hall outside her flat, she heard a baby's cry. The sound led her to a tiny bundle of blankets in the corner on the floor, and swathed in them was a baby girl, not more than two weeks old.

Pinned to the baby's dress was this note, roughly written in lead pencil:

This baby is not christened, has no home, money or friends, and am sick myself. Hope the Lord will reward you who care for it. Am a stranger in this big city and broken hearted because I must do this. A merry Christmas to you who take it.

The note was signed "Belle," and Belle's baby is in Bellevue Hospital this morning.

Latest Shipping News.

BY WIRELESS.

SS Franconia was 520 miles E. of Sandy Hook at 8 P. M.; due to-morrow forenoon.

CHRISTMAS GREETING!

The ancients built themselves to Heaven
In temples to their Gods:—
No pulses of a joy within
Swayed their divining-rods;
To love your neighbor as yourself,
To them were foolish blubber:
None knew the gladness of a heart
That's Altogether Rubber.

Pouch holds pipe and tobacco. At Schulte's.—Adv.

XMAS-TREE PANIC COSTS 80 LIVES

False Cry of Fire Stampedes Throng at Calumet, Mich., and Scores Die in an Instant.

56 VICTIMS ARE CHILDREN

Dead Choke the Stairway When 700 Terror-Stricken Persons Dash for Single Exit.

MAUDLIN MAN GIVES ALARM

Horror Occurs in Italian Hall as Children of Miners Line Up to Receive Gifts from Santa.

Special to The New York Times.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 24.—Eighty persons—fifty-six of whom were children—were trampled to death in a panic at a Christmas tree gathering in Italian Hall here this afternoon, when an intoxicated man staggered to the door of the little hall and shouted "Fire!"

The children were standing in the aisles waiting for a signal to move forward and receive their gifts when the fatal cry was uttered. In a fraction of a minute nearly all of the 700 persons in the hall made a dash for the single exit. The stairway was choked with dead and dying, while the building was fairly rocking with the rush of the throng and the shrieks of the terror-stricken people.

More than seventy-five dead have been accounted for, and it is estimated that there are many others who were removed to their homes by parents and friends before the authorities could gain control of the throng.

Calumet, which has been the scene of so much disorder by reason of the copper strike, is almost in a state of terror to-night as the result of the catastrophe. Every policeman and detective in this region is searching to-night for the man who gave the false alarm of fire, and if he is caught he probably will be lynched. The foreign miners of the district are enraged and grief-stricken over the disaster.

Stairway Quickly Blocked.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on, the children pressed eagerly toward the stage to receive Christmas presents. At that instant a man put his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "Fire."

The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Every one started for the doors. The weaker were thrown to the floor, and those behind tried to climb over those in front of them.

The alarm was spread outside the hall by a few persons who had been near the door and had escaped unhurt. A crowd soon assembled, and the work of clearing the hall begun.

The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top, and a quick accounting had been made it was found that seventy-four bodies had been piled up beside the building. It is thought that a dozen others were carried away by friends.

The dead that were piled up beside the hall included thirty-seven girls, nineteen boys, thirteen women and five men. Excited men and women stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others calling hysterically for missing children, and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers for keeping them back from the long row of bodies.

Little for Doctors to Do.

There was not much work for the many doctors who hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread, for those who were not killed in the first rush were held upright and safe by the very force of the onrush toward the exit. Only three injured persons were taken to hospitals and a few went home with the assistance of friends.

For many days the children of the copper mine strikers had waited expectantly for the Christmas tree exercises that had been arranged by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners. The entertainment was set for the early evening, and the hall, which is on the second floor, was soon filled to its capacity. The children selected to give Christmas recitations and sing carols had finished their part of the programme, and the man selected to play the part of Santa Claus had appeared to distribute the presents that were piled around the large illuminated tree.

The children were told to march up the aisles to the tree, so that the presents could be handed to them. The aisles were filled with the boys and girls when a large man thrust his head in at the door of the main hallway and shouted "Fire!"

Mrs. Caesar, who was near the door, realized the danger that would follow the cry, and seizing the man by the shoulders she tried to push him out. It was useless. The man wrested himself from her grasp and ran away, but the cry of "Fire!" was repeated throughout the room.

The word was shouted in several languages as parents sprang to their feet and rushed forward to get their children. Scores were trampled to death in the twinkling of an eye. Then the physical impossibility of further movement brought the panic-stricken crowd to its senses. It was realized too late that there was no fire, but most of those in the hall could not get out of the jam that they had caused

visable because of the hysteria it caused among the spectators, and the bodies were carried back into the hall as soon as the crowd was out.

Whole Town There.

In an hour nearly everyone in Calumet was as near the scene as it was possible to get. The police formed a cordon about the place and kept back the crowd. After much effort a lane was opened through the crowd and the bodies of the children were carried through ranks of moaning and wailing parents to Red Jacket Village Hall. It was many hours before all the bodies were identified.

During the confusion several bodies of children were wrongly identified by mothers and taken away only to be returned later by parents, who had found their own children safe. In other cases parents ran about for some time uncertain whether their children were dead or alive. Many mothers fainted while fathers cursed all those who interfered with their mad search for lost children. For hours frantic women ran the streets calling for their little ones.

Of the 700 persons in the hall more than three-fourths were children, many of them having gone there without their parents These fathers and mothers soon rushed to the scene and added to the confusion. They did not understand what had taken place and hindered the rescuers by trying to force their way into the hall.

There was a fire escape at the rear of the building, but only those who were very near it could make any use of it until after the fatal rush was over. Probably not more than a hundred persons escaped the first rush by way of this fire escape. A score more jumped from the windows. Most of them escaped without injury because it was only a few feet from the windows to the ground.

No Sign of Fire.

An investigation showed that there was no fire in the building. Even the Christmas tree did not show any evidence of fire. It was lighted by electricity and every precaution had been taken by those in charge of the entertainment to avoid danger of just such a panic as occurred.

Mrs. Annie Clemens, President of the Women's Auxiliary in charge of the entertainment, said that she was on the stage directing the distribution of gifts when the panic started. She and other women had been intent on keeping the children in line and orderly.

Mrs. Clemens said that the boys and girls had been very patient, notwithstanding a tiresome wait, and that the women of the committee had just remarked to each other how well the youngsters behaved when the cry of fire spread through the house. She said the women in charge tried to stem the onrush and quiet the people, but their shouts had no effect on the crowd.

The grown persons trampled the children under foot and dozens of the smaller children were killed at the first onrush of the crowd. One man was seen to stoop to pick up his little girl, only to be pushed forward with such great force that he fell on her and crushed her to death. A woman who saved three small boys was crushed with them as she sought to shelter them in her arms.

One child, 5 years old, made her way to the street by way of the fire escape after all others who were free had fled. She had been knocked down by the mad rush, but no one had stepped on her, and she escaped without injury.

The main door of the hall opened on a landing, and there was a small cloakroom about ten feet square at one side of the main door. The loss of life was heavy at the small door of this room. The rush apparently turned many against the door of this room and crushed them to death within the doorway.

Stairway Packed with Dead.

The greatest number of dead in any one place, however, was at the bottom of the stairs. Those who reached the stairs first evidently were hurled to the bottom by those behind, and in this fashion the stairway was filled to the ceiling. More than half the victims were killed by suffocation.

The police and hundreds of miners are searching the town to-night for the man who caused the panic. The woman who seized him at the door when he uttered the cry is positive that she can identify him. There was much wild talk among the striking miners to-night, and some of them said they believed the man was a member of the Citizens' Alliance, recently organized to restore law and order in the mining field during the strike. This charge was quickly denied by Alliance members, hundreds of whom were early on the scene aiding in the removal of bodies and caring for the injured.

It was said by those near the door that the man came up the stairs from a saloon below and that he was intoxicated. On every hand threats of lynching are heard, and there is little doubt that trouble will follow if the man is captured. It is also feared that the excitement caused by the disaster will renew open hostility between members of the Miners' Union and the Citizens' Alliance.

The Coroner to-night began to impanel a jury to make a thorough investigation of the panic.

Holiday festivities in nearly all the homes here were suspended to-night. Many parents who had rushed out to learn details of the tragedy returned to their homes and stopped all preparations for Christmas out of respect for the stricken families of the miners.

Among the men killed in the hall was John F. Westola, Secretary of the Finnish Mutual Life Insurance Company of Calumet.

Citizens Start Relief.

Citizens of Calumet and Houghton rallied to-night to the aid of those bereaved by the panic. By 9 o'clock residents of Houghton had pledged $1,200 and a committee was appointed to take charge of additional subscriptions. This action was taken at a public meeting, at which resolutions were adopted pledging the citizens there to do all in their power to relieve the distress here.

Public meetings have been called for to-morrow afternoon by the Mayors of Red Jacket and Laurium, near-by villages. Everything possible will be done to relieve relatives of the victims.

Arrangements already are under way for a public funeral of the eighty dead and the suspension of all work in the copper mining district during the exercises is probable.

FORMER FIRE DISASTERS.

Heavy Toll of Death in Theatres and Other Structures.

The disaster at Binghamton, N. Y., in which fifty girls lost their lives either by burning or jumping from windows when fire destroyed the four-story brick factory building of the Binghamton Clothing Company on July 22 last, is the most recent disaster in the minds of the people of this State and city. The blaze that did its terrible work in the short space of twenty minutes, completely destroyed the factory building and damaged near-by structures badly.

When flames shot through the Triangle Shirt Waist Company's factory, on the eighth, ninth, and tenth floors of the supposedly fireproof Asch Building in this city, on March 25, 1911, the death of 147 girls and men resulted.

On Nov. 26, 1910, fire swept through a four-story factory building at High and Orange Streets, Newark, and twenty-five girls and women were burned to death or killed by jumping from windows. Forty more were injured.

The burning of the excursion steamer Gen. Slocum on June 15, 1904, heads the list of loss of life in any one fire accident in this city. Between one thousand and eleven hundred persons were burned to death or drowned on that occasion.

The Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago on Dec. 30, 1903, also furnished an appalling list of dead and injured. The record of known dead after three days was 582, with a missing list of 336 and 160 injured.

The burning of the North German Lloyd steamships and docks at Hoboken on June 30, 1900, resulted in a death list of 150 persons.

Thirty persons perished in the Windsor Hotel fire at Fifth Avenue, between Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Streets, in 1899.

At the Paris Charity Bazaar fire on May 4, 1897, the list of dead was 150.

On Feb. 7, 1892, the Hotel Royal, at Fortieth Street and Sixth Avenue, burned to the ground and 17 bodies were recovered, while nearly 38 persons were missing.

At the Ring Theatre fire in Vienna on Dec. 8, 1881, 580 known dead were found, while 930 were reported missing.

In the Brooklyn Theatre fire on Dec. 5, 1876, 294 persons lost their lives.

During the panic caused by a false alarm of fire at St. Francis Xavier's Church in 1876 7 persons were trampled to death.

On Dec. 10, 1872, fire partially destroyed the old Fifth Avenue Hotel. Twenty-two servants who were asleep on the top floor perished.

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD.
Because you have lost your watch or other valuables, Advertise your loss in THE NEW YORK TIMES, which may result in its recovery. Next to last page.—Adv.

BANKS HERE WAIT FOR FORMAL ACTION

Ready to Join, but May Delay Until Jan. 13 for Authority from Stockholders.

WARBURG SEES A NEW ERA

Calls Law a Step in Right Direction, but Says Much Depends on the Federal Reserve Board.

The disposition of the Clearing House banks yesterday was altogether favorable to joining the Federal reserve system to be established as a result of the enactment of the Owen-Glass law, but in most cases no occasion for haste was seen. The Organization Committee, it was felt, would soon provide the regular machinery for the filing of applications, and meantime telegrams sent to President Wilson or Secretary McAdoo represented only a declaration of intention.

One reason for proceeding deliberately was that the point had been raised that the consent of the stockholders of a bank might be necessary for formal action. The annual meetings of all national banks will be held on Jan. 13, which in the view of those who discussed the matter would be ample time, as the banks have sixty days within which to make application.

Keen interest was shown in the probable make-up of the Federal Reserve Board, but on this subject bankers here had little light. Many feel that the conservative operation of the new system and its consequent success will depend very largely on the composition of the governing body, and it was said that in some cases this might be a determining factor with banks that were still somewhat in doubt as to entering the system. A board composed of men of radical or heterodox views on finance would have the effect of checking the present tendency to give the new system a fair trial.

New Yorkers Mentioned for Board.

So far as the possible appointment of New Yorkers to the board was concerned, the name most prominently mentioned in speculative discussions was that of Paul M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who for years has taken a leading part of the propaganda for a modern banking and currency system. A. Barton Hepburn, Chairman of the Chase National Bank, and of the Currency Commission of the American Bankers' Association; Deputy City Controller Edmund D. Fisher, Charles A. Conant, and H. P. Willis were also mentioned. The last three are financial experts who were consulted by the Congressional committees during the formative stages of the legislation.

No steps have been taken yet by the Clearing House toward the reduction of its reserve requirements to conform to those of the new law, although such action at an early date is expected. One reason for some delay is that the requirements of the State law are now being overhauled by the Van Tuyl Commission, and it is recognized that the present is a good time for bringing about a condition of uniformity. State banks are now required by law to maintain reserves of 15 per cent., but those that are members of the Clearing House have to keep 25 per cent. under its regulations. With a reduction of both legal and Clearing House requirements from 25 to 18 per cent. in the case of national banks, there is some idea that the Van Tuyl Commission may recommend an increase from 15 to 18 per cent. in the legal requirement of State banks. In any case, there is no necessity for immediate action by the Clearing House, as the provision for reduced reserves is not yet in force.

Warburg Calls for Co-operation.

Paul M. Warburg was asked yesterday to comment on the new law, and said:

"There cannot be any doubt that the enactment of this legislation will inaugurate a new era in the history of banking in the United States. While it is to be regretted that some important suggestions made by the business community could not be adopted, the fundamental thoughts, for the victory of which some of us have worked for so many years, have won out. That is to say, from now on we shall witness the gradual elimination of the bond-secured currency, of scattered reserves, of immobilized commercial paper, and of pyramiding of call loans on the Stock Exchange. The ship is headed right, and nothing will ever turn her back into her old course. This is a success of such vast importance that, no matter whether the law be perfect in many details, we have all reasons to be profoundly grateful for having progressed so far.

"As long as this legislation was a question for discussion it was incumbent upon all of us to try to be helpful by offering the freest criticism. Now that the discussion is closed and the law has gone into effect there remains only one thing for us to do, and that is for each of us cheerfully to co-operate in giving it the fairest and fullest test.

"If, after a few years of actual experience, it should be shown that the business community was wrong in its suggestions and apprehensions we shall all be satisfied. If, on the other hand, it should be shown that errors were made, I believe that the country at large and its representatives at Washington will then be perfectly willing to make the necessary amendments to the law. By that time a great many things which to-day are questions of theory will have become hard facts, and everybody will be able to judge from actual experience.

Safe Within Its Limitations.

"It is only natural that, in a matter where so many minds have to agree, concessions and compromises were necessary. By forcing the member banks to continue to keep a portion of their reserves in their own vaults, by providing for a minimum of eight Federal reserve banks instead of four, the law arrests the fullest possible concentration of reserves, and thereby restricts to a material degree the power and elasticity of the future system. If this was done as an expression of conservatism, in order to bring about a gradual development only of the system, Congress may have acted wisely; but it is sincerely to be hoped that the future Board of the Federal Reserve Board will frame its policy accordingly.

"The instrument now created must not be overtaxed. Within its limitations it will be safe, if conservatively managed, but it can very gradually only lead toward perfect fluidity of credit by the creation of important discount markets. In order to reach the ultimate aim of this law it is earnestly to be hoped that the future board will not overheat the boilers up to a danger point by trying to make this delicate craft produce results which, as now designed, may be beyond her power and beyond the limits of safety, but rather, after a fair and conservative test, and as time and experience will teach us, perfect the construction."

Says Country Will Now Go Ahead.

Charles Smithers, of the firm of F. S. Smithers & Co., said:

"The passage of the Currency bill, I believe, is going to have a much greater effect on the future development of this country than is now generally realized by the business interests. We shall henceforth be able to finance our commercial operations without recourse to such a large amount of actual banking capital as was necessary before.

"It will be done on credit, backed by the mobilized power of the entire banking resources of the United States. This is going to release huge sums of capital, which will undoubtedly be employed in further developing the splendid resources of this country.

"Those unfamiliar with the European system of credit will hardly be able to realize the tremendous difference between commerce carried on with a credit instrument rather than with the aid of actual money. If the various business interests work together promptly and harmoniously, so as to secure immediately the benefits possible under the new system of banking, the change in conditions will be very shortly apparent to every one.

"My belief is that our antiquated banking system has retarded the growth of this country fully as much as did the silver craze."

CREDIT MEN PLEASED.

They Expect Business to Revive Under the Currency Law.

Prominent credit men of this city said yesterday that they expected good results to follow the enactment of the Owen-Glass currency law. J. H. Tregoe, Secretary of the National Association of Credit Men, said that business had been checked by the feeling of uncertainty which preceded the passage of the bill.

"The National Credit Men's Association, through its Banking and Currency Committee," he said, "has felt that one central organization, with branches, would be better for the commercial welfare than eight or twelve Federal reserve banks, held together by a Board of Control. We are convinced, though, that the measure as enacted has merits, and that it is entitled to a thorough and loyal test by the banks and by mercantile men."

E. D. Flannery, President of the New York Credit Men's Association, said that while he did not consider the bill perfect he was optimistic regarding the results of some of its provisions.

"While I am opposed to the idea of regional banks," he said, "and favor one central organization, the passage of the bill should tend to relieve somewhat the present strain on business in this country. We can hope for amendments such as may appeal to the National legislators when they discover through the law's operations its defects."

George H. Williams, Credit Manager of H. A. Caesar & Co., said he was glad that the bill had been passed and he asserted that he was sure the passage of the bill in its revised form would restore confidence in the business world.

"The country has needed such a bill for years," said Mr. Williams. "Our antiquated monetary system has been the cause of many of our periodical depressions, panics, and stringencies. Instead of piling up our reserves, as the 25,000 banks in this country have been forced to do under the old laws, curtailing bank credits and discounts, the reserve will ooze out gradually through the regional banks and take care of the particular districts that may be hard up."

Frank S. Flagg, Credit Manager of Morse & Rogers, wholesale shoe dealers, said that, regardless of party affiliations, the business men of this country had felt that a new currency law had been needed for some time.

"The uncertainty as to what form the measure would take finally," said Mr. Flagg yesterday, "had contributed considerably to holding up business in the last few months. The new law will prove to be one of the most important factors in re-establishing confidence among investors as well as among business men."

Charles Biggs, Actuary of the Hat Trade Credit Association, said that the whole country had been waiting on the action of Congress on the currency and banking measure. "The passage of the Tariff bill and the fact that the currency measure was before Congress," said Mr. Biggs yesterday, "has created a condition of unrest throughout all of the mercantile communities of this country. There has been an arrest of transactions and an unwillingness to enter into commitments for future business. The interior banks have been unwilling to renew as readily as in the past and have been calling upon their customers to reduce the discounts that have been accorded to them."

W. M. Kennard, credit manager for Graupner, Love & Lamprecht, selling representatives of woolen mills, believes that the law has many good points, but was unwilling to say how he thought it would affect business.

"A new currency measure," Mr. Kennard said, "was needed badly, and I think that everybody is disposed to give the new law a fair trial. The fact that the bill has been passed and uncertainty eliminated is in itself a very good thing for busines."

MARSHALL FAVORS A HALT.

Vice President Opposed to Anti-Trust Legislation at Present.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, who arrived here to-day for the holiday vacation, expressed great pleasure over the enactment of the tariff and currency laws, but said he did not believe the Democratic Party ought to undertake any further legislation at this time. He said there was no need for any anti-trust legislation at present, in view of the enactment of the Tariff and Currency acts.

"I am happy over the things that have been accomplished," said the Vice President. "The Democratic Party has done something that it was thought impossible to do—it stood together and is still standing together, and that is why we have the two important measures, the Tariff Law Revision act and the currency law.

"My personal opinion is that this is all the Democratic Party ought to undertake now. These two new laws are enough. Let's wait and see how they work out. I believe sincerely they will prove the solution of the country's problems. If they will accomplish this end there will be no need for further important legislation. Let's watch the patient under the treatment. If these remedies do not work well, then we can change the treatment.

"There is no need for anti-trust legislation at this time, in view of the new tariff law and the new currency law. The trusts are now coming in and eating out of the hand of the Attorney General, and it is not necessary to enact new legislation on that subject now."

The Vice President was accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, and they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Elder.

NATIONAL BANK RUSH TO JOIN NEW SYSTEM

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Clearing House banks of Cleveland telegraphed to be admitted. The capital and surplus of the seven national banks applying total $14,200,000.

Two Philadelphia banks applied—the Penn National, with a capital and surplus of $1,800,000, and the Second National, with a capital and surplus of $805,000.

Dallas, Texas, is anxious to be designated a Federal reserve city, and all the national banks there have applied for membership.

Secretary McAdoo was about the busiest man in Washington to-day considering the preliminaries of organization. He is working in association with Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture, another member of the Organization Committee. Although the law provides that the two Secretaries shall join with the Controller of the Currency in the preliminary work of reorganization, the office of Controller is vacant, and it has been decided that the two Secretaries, constituting a majority of the committee, may go ahead. Later the members of the Federal Reserve Board of seven will be named by President Wilson. The Secretary of the Treasury and the new Controller will be members and the other five will be chosen from private life. If President Wilson finally has made his selection for those five places it is not known in Washington.

Selection of Reserve Cities.

The first step to be taken by the Secretaries will be the selection of cities where Federal reserve banks, the backbone of the system, are to be located. The law provides for not less than eight and not more than twelve. The Organization Committee is empowered to employ counsel and summon witnesses and papers so as to go deeply in the location of the reserve reservoirs. Its decision is subject to review only by the Federal Reserve Board.

Cities that can hardly be kept off a tentative list would include New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, and New Orleans, with Denver, Atlanta, and Seattle or Portland, Ore., near the top. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston, and several others are asking for designation.

Secretary McAdoo said he expected to actually begin formal work on selecting Federal reserve cities to-morrow, adding:

"We will probably outline the districts first and then choose the cities in each district where the Federal reserve bank will be located."

"I never had any doubt," said Mr. McAdoo, "that the national banks would enter the system. My experience is that after a law of this character is passed there is a patriotic acceptance of it. This law has proved an unqualified success. It is an unexampled piece of legislation. I believe it will prove the greatest thing that has happened in the country in a generation."

One suggested list which attracted attention to-day included these ten cities as probably Federal reserve centres: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Denver, and San Francisco.

Some members of Congress are arguing that if Philadelphia be not designated as a Federal reserve centre it would make New York too dominant, especially if the districts were so arranged as to include Philadelphia in the Federal reserve district of which New York would be the centre. But others, notably Southern men who are anxious to have Atlanta and Dallas designated as regional reserve cities, are arguing that Philadelphia is situated too close to New York to be designated as an independent centre.

Many applications have come from individuals for positions on the Federal Reserve Board, but Mr. McAdoo indicated that they were likely to receive scant consideration.

It was stated definitely to-day in a reliable quarter that John Skelton Williams, now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, would be named as the new Controller of the Currency. His nomination, it is understood, will go to the Senate when it convenes on Jan. 12. Though this information came in definite form from a man who had been actively identified with the reserve law, it could not be confirmed at the Treasury Department.

Secretary McAdoo said some announcement might be forthcoming tomorrow or Friday concerning the organization work. This will indicate in general terms the procedure. The Secretary denied that anything had been settled as to the number or location of the Federal reserve cities.

Secretary McAdoo said that the response from the banks had been such that he was without doubt as to the success of the new system.

Wants Hill and Weeks.

President Wilson is credited with being extremely anxious to have Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts serve as a member of the Federal Reserve Board. To accept, Mr. Weeks would have to resign from the Senate. He is a practical banker and a Republican. His declaration in the Senate when he voted for the Currency bill that it was 75 per cent. good, impressed the President.

The indications are strong that, in spite of his declaration that he would not accept membership on the Federal Reserve Board, an effort will be made to induce James J. Hill to become the head of that organization, a position that will carry with it the title of Governor.

GLYNN USES KNIFE ON MONEY BILLS

Cuts $51,285 Out of the Appropriations Made at the Last Session.

NATIONAL GUARD LOSES

Impeachment Expenses Approved—$36,348 to Make Up a Sulzer Deficiency.

Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Gov. Glynn to-day signed the bills passed by the Legislature, to wipe out the State's current indebtedness, but not until he had used the pruning knife. From the supplemental supply bill items aggregating $51,285 were excluded. Of this amount $35,682 was contained in three items for the National Guard, including $5,268 for allowances to headquarters. The Governor thought the Adjutant General has sufficient funds on hand for present requirements. It is known that the Adjutant General's Department considers that the vetoing of this item will embarrass the Guard.

Other appropriations totaling $38,284 was also cut out, the principal items being: Charles G. Armstrong, engineering work at Kings Park State Hospital, $6,800; taxes for Union Free School District No. 1, Harriettstown, used by the trustees of Cornell University for a college of forestry, $9,696 and $8,025; John Robb, $2,000 for inspecting forest lands for the Conservation Commission.

The Governor approved the bill carrying $40,000 to pay the counsel for William Sulzer, in the impeachment trial. The following to participate: D Cady Herrick, Louis Marshall, Irving G. Vann, Austen G. Fox, Harvey D. Hinman, Roger Clark and Charles J. Herrick.

Another bill approved was for $60,000 compensation of counsel for the Assembly Board of Managers, the attorneys participating being Alton B. Parker, John B. Stanchfield, Edgar Truman Brackett, Eugene Lamb Richards, Isidor J. Kresel and Hiram C. Todd; $50,000 for expenses of the Board of Managers, officers and employes; $8,500 for preparing and printing 5,000 copies of the record of the impeachment proceedings, and $2,700 for traveling and other expenses of the managers, "to be equally divided."

Another law signed appropriates $36,348 for the deficiency created in the Executive Department by William Sulzer during his incumbency.

DECREE FOR MRS. TRAVIS.

Daughter of Late Ashbel P. Fitch Gets a Divorce for 'Mental Cruelty.'

Special to The New York Times.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 24.—On charges of "mental cruelty," Mrs. Doris Fitch Travis at a secret hearing Saturday received a divorce from Albert Chester Travis, a lawyer of New York City. Mrs. Travis was in court with her attorney Mr. Travis, through his attorney, offered no defense except a general denial. No request was made for alimony, and whatever settlement was arranged was made out of court. The custody of their seven-year-old son Albert was awarded to Mrs. Travis.

Mrs. Travis has been a resident of Colorado Springs since last June. She had previously lived several years in Denver. She is the daughter of the late Ashbel P. Fitch of New York City.

NURSE TELLS ON DR. SEIDEL

Reveals Doings in His Sanitarium to Federal Authorities.

Information of importance has been given to the Government with reference to the practices in the sanitarium of Dr. Herman Seidel, at 152 East Twenty-second Street, by a young woman who is called Belle Burns or Mrs. Barron. After being held in the Tombs for several days as a material witness she decided to tell all she knew about these practices, and after doing so was released yesterday under surety by Commissioner Shields.

The charge against Dr. Seidel is that he manufactured smoking opium without a license. When his sanitarium was raided on Nov. 22 a number of opium pipes and a quantity of the drug were seized. Belle Burns acted as a nurse for the doctor and was arrested in the raid. Recently she sent for Assistant United States District Attorney Boyle and told him a startling story of what went on in the sanitarium.

So serious were her allegations that Mr. Boyle called the attention of District Attorney Whitman to the matter, and he started an investigation of alleged offenses which fall under State jurisdiction. The young woman, who says she was at one time on the stage, when asked why she had not confessed before, said that she was afraid that she might be shot. She came from East New York, and, according to Mr. Boyle, has admitted that she was addicted to the use of opium.

FAIL TO EXONERATE GLOVER

Coroner's Jury's Verdict Keeps De Villiers's Slayer in Jail.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Unable to decide who fired the shots which killed Daniel De Villiers of San Antonio during his struggle Sunday evening with Royal Glover, husband of his former wife, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict to-day that the Boer war veteran had met death at the hands of a person unknown. This verdict, according to officials, makes it necessary for Glover to present his self-defense plea at a trial in the criminal department of the Superior Court unless the District Attorney, after an investigation, declines to press the case.

Glover, confident that the Coroner's jury would exonerate him on the testimony of the former Mrs. De Villiers, had provided a diamond ring as a Christmas present to be given her the moment official action to-day had freed him from custody. But the verdict spoiled that plan, and while the woman sat weeping in the courtroom, with but a wall separating her from the body of her former husband who had died in a fight over her affections, Glover presented the gem to his wife.

Mrs. Glover testified that De Villiers, a big, powerful man, had leaped upon her husband. She said she saw him draw a pistol. After the shots were fired and De Villiers lay gasping upon the floor, she asserted that the dying man gave her his weapon, which she laid upon the floor. Afterward she gave him a drink of water and bathed his face while awaiting the arrival of a doctor.

Mrs. Glover said she married her present husband in October, a year after a final decree of divorce from De Villiers had been granted her by a court in San Antonio. The divorce, she said, was obtained on the ground of cruelty, after De Villiers had beaten her several times, once so severely that she was compelled to undergo treatment at a hospital.

After the divorce she went to New York to the home of her father, H. G. Campbell, a broker. She said De Villiers followed her there and then told her that he would kill any man who presumed to marry her and that the electric chai had no terrors for him.

TO ARBITRATE EVERYTHING.

Not Even Questions of National Honor Barred in Danish Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Administration has set the seal of its approval upon the general principle of the settlement by arbitration of all questions that may arise between nations, in the attitude it has taken in the negotiation of a general arbitration treaty with Denmark.

This convention has so far progressed toward completion as to be reduced to the form of a tentative treaty drafted by Secretary Bryan, and is now before the Danish Foreign Office awaiting its approval of certain amendments to the original text which already have been agreed upon in principle.

The new treaty makes no reservations whatever in the subjects to be submitted to arbitration; not even questions of national honor being excluded. It differs from the general arbitration conventions framed by the two preceding administrations, and which have so far failed to receive the approval of the Senate, in the inclusion of the principal features of the "peace pacts" which Secretary Bryan has already negotiated with six nations, providing for a judicial investigation of the issues in any dispute before recourse to hostilities.

NEW INCOME TAX RULE.

Collection at Source on City and County Interest Is Suspended.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo to-night issued an additional income tax regulation dealing with the collection of taxes on certain municipal, district, or county bonds. The regulation provides that until Jan. 15, and after that date until further instructions are issued, income from such obligations is to be exempt at the source. The text of the new regulation follows:

Until Jan. 15, 1914, and thereafter until further instructions are issued, the interest obtained, in the shape of obligations, general or special, of any State, or of any county, municipality, or taxing district therein, shall be exempt from the collection of income tax at the source, whether the payment of such obligation is provided for by local or general taxation or out of a general, special, or separate fund.

THINKS BARTLETT IS LOST.

E. S. Draper, Jr., Says Stefansson's Associate Could Not Have Escaped.

Special to The New York Times.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Grave doubts of the safety of Capt. Robert Bartlett and the crew of the Karluk of the Stefansson arctic expedition were expressed today by Eben S. Draper, Jr., a member of the Polar Bear expedition, who has reached his home here.

Mr. Draper says that one of the worst storms ever known in the arctic raged for six days in July and that three of the seven vessels which rounded Point Barrow were wrecked. The Polar Bear, one of the ships, managed to get near shore in the midst of the storm and find a safe anchorage.

"Capt. Bartlett," said Mr. Draper, "was in charge of the Karluk. He did not have any one on board who was acquainted with the coast at that point. Therefore he could not realize the difference in ice conditions. He was caught in a pack about Aug. 15 and his ship has since disappeared. No ship has ever come through a pack, but at times some of the men have survived. Capt. Bartlett's ship rounded Point Barrow stern first, caught in the ice pack. Only one ship has done that and lived through it. He was seen last off Flaxman Island, fifteen miles from shore. Stefansson and two men were ashore hunting when the ship disappeared. I do not see any ground to hope that the Karluk and her company escaped."

KEEP LEEHAN IN JAIL.

It Is Hoped Acquitted Murderer Will Consent to Go to New Hampshire.

William J. Leehan, who was acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Caroline Turner at Lakewood, will have to spend Christmas in the White Plains jail. After his arrest for drunkenness on Tuesday afternoon and his confinement in the jail over night Leehan was arraigned yesterday at White Plains before Police Justice Lamb, who remanded him until Friday. It is hoped that he will be willing then to go to the farm of his uncle in Manchester, N. H.

Leehan's wife visited him in jail and he promised once more that he would never drink again.

"I should think your experience would have made you try to keep away from drink," Judge Lamb said to Leehan.

"I was under such a mental strain after my trial that I couldn't help drinking," the prisoner replied as he was led away to a cell.

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CALLS AUTOIST A SWINDLER

Detectives Pursue Self-Styled Count on Singer's Complaint.

Accompanied by Detectives Trojan and Van Twistern, Miss Stella Ford, a singer, was standing at Fiftieth Street and Broadway yesterday afternoon, when she singled out a fashionably dressed man in an auto as the "Count von Bromerhoff," who had made off with her diamond on the pretense of taking it to be reset. The detectives called out to the man to stop, but his answer to that was to bid his chauffeur to put on speed. The chauffeur obeyed to such good purpose that the detectives, pursuing in another auto, had a chase of four blocks before they caught the fugitive.

The prisoner gave several names. According to the police, there are several charges against him.

Bella Hill, a manicure at the Hotel Knickerbocker, identified the prisoner last night as a man who had been known as Richard Von Weyman and "Dick" Werner. She said he told her he represented the Russian Government, and that he was here on business in connection with the aviation show, the automobile show, and the dog show. She said he admired two diamond rings worth $500 that she wore, and suggested that she have them reset. She said she let him have the rings.

Investigator De Woody Quits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Charles F. De Woody, division superintendent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, has resigned. It is understood that he intends to go into private business. The Government has asked him to remain in the service under a special arrangement to take charge of several important pending cases.

Goods purchased at this sale will not be charged until February First.

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Decided Price Reductions

Friday, December 26th

Misses' and Girls' Coats

Girls' Winter Coats
Of all wool chinchilla, velvet collar, wool lined; also dressy coats of imported fabrics. 6 to 14 years.
Heretofore $12.75 to $16.50 — 7.50

Girls' Chinchilla Coats
Of high grade imported chinchilla, in navy, brown or gray, with checked worsted or plain lining.
6 to 16 years. Heretofore $18.50 — 10.00

Girls' Dressy Coats
Of broadcloth in green or Copenhagen; body silk lined; collar, front and cuffs, fur trimmed.
8 to 16 years. Heretofore $29.50 — 18.50

Misses' Winter Coats
Of chinchilla or wool plush, also Mannish ulsters of double faced English cloths and Scotch mixtures.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore $24.50 — 13.50

Misses' Fur Collar Coats
Of wool plush or chinchilla, in navy, black, brown, mahogany or gray; silk lined; with fur collars.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore $29.50 — 16.50

Misses' Evening Coats
Draped Coat of Broadcloth, in rose, Hague, pink or white; silk lined; warmly interlined, mouflon fur collar.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore $39.50 — 22.50

Misses' and Girls' Dresses

Misses' Evening Gowns
Of chiffon taffeta, crepe meteor, crepe de chine, silk chiffon, shadow laces or nets.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore $29.50 — 15.00

Taffeta Evening Dresses
In pink, light blue, Nile green, maize or white; bodice of shadow lace over chiffon; two tier tunic skirt.
14 to 20 years. Value $29.50 — 18.50

Girls' Wool Dresses
A collection of dresses of wool plaids, English serge, shepherd checks or wool challies. 6 to 15 years.
Heretofore $9.75 to $12.75 — 5.00

Misses' Afternoon Dresses
Dressy models of chiffon velvet, crepe de Chine, taffeta silk, brocade silk or charmeuse.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore $29.50 — 18.50

Misses' Dressy Tailored Suits

Friday at Greatly Reduced Prices

Misses' Dressy Suits, late winter models, of broadcloth, suede velour, cheviot or velour de laine, short dressy coats, silk lined, warmly interlined with tier, draped or peg-top skirts; 14 to 20 years.
A number of models fur trimmed. Heretofore $29.50 to $45.00 — 18.50

Misses' Fur Trimmed Suits, "Poiret" or "Callot" models, of broadcloth, wool velour, suede cloth, diagonal cheviot or imported velveteen, silk lined, interlined, trimmed with rich furs; peg-top, tier or draped skirts; 14 to 20 years. Heretofore $39.50 to $59.50 — 29.50

Boys' Suits and Overcoats—Reduced Prices

Norfolk Suits *extra knickerbockers.*
Of navy blue English serge, Scotch tweed or cassimere.
7 to 18 years. Heretofore $9.75 — 5.75

Norfolk Suits *extra knickerbockers.*
Of Scotch tweed, cheviot, cassimere, diagonal or navy serge.
7 to 18 years. Heretofore $12.50 — 8.50

Hand Tailored Suits *extra knickers.*
English Norfolk model, of checked cheviot, Donegal tweed, cassimere or navy serge.
7 to 18 years. Heretofore $15.75 — 10.00

Small Boys' Overcoats
Of vicuna, tweed, checks or zibeline; lined with checked worsted.
3 to 10 years. Heretofore $9.75 — 5.75

Large Boys' Overcoats
Of chinchilla, tweed, cheviot or herringbone; wool or serge lined.
10 to 18 years. Heretofore $12.50 — 8.50

Large Boys' Overcoats
Of imported chinchilla, in navy, brown or Oxford; also English mixtures and Scotch tweeds.
10 to 18 years. Heretofore $19.75 — 14.50

Women's Fur Coats and Furs

French Seal Coats
Collar of real Fitch or real Skunk.
Heretofore $75.00 — 42.50

Trimmed Caracul Coats
Light weight Caracul skins, collar, cuffs, draped revers of French seal.
Heretofore $79.50 — 57.50

Hudson Seal Coats
Of real Hudson seal, self collar.
Heretofore $125.00 — 89.50

Hudson Seal Coats
Seven-eighth or full length; Fitch, Ermine or Skunk collar.
Heretofore $195.00 — 135.00

Fur Neckpieces

9.75	Heretofore $15.00	Raccoon
9.75	Heretofore $15.00	Black Wolf
10.50	Heretofore $18.50	Civet
16.50	Heretofore $29.50	Black Fox
27.50	Heretofore $45.00	Real Skunk

Fur Muffs

Heretofore $24.50	15.75
Heretofore $24.50	15.75
Heretofore $29.50	16.75
Heretofore $29.50	16.50
Heretofore $59.50	35.00

Women's Coats—Reduced Prices

Winter Coats
Of chinchilla, wool plush, zibeline, wool velour or corduroy.
Heretofore $24.50 to $45.00 — 15.00

Fur Collar Coats
Of black broadcloth, wool velour, Scotch tweed or boucle eponge; collars of various furs.
Heretofore $39.50 to $49.50 — 25.00

Seal Plush Coats
Kimono model, of Seal Plush, also black broadcloth or Persian fur cloth.
Heretofore $29.50 — 18.50

Dressy Evening Wraps
Of silk chiffon plush, cut plush velour, brocade velvet or fur cloth, plain or fur trimmed; also Paris model coats.
Heretofore $98.50 — 50.00

Women's Suits and Gowns

Friday at Greatly Reduced Prices

Afternoon and Evening Gowns, of charmeuse silk, crepe meteor, duvetyn or velveteen.
Heretofore $29.50 to $39.50 — 18.50

Fur Trimmed Suits, of imported fabrics, short coats, tunic or tier skirts.
Heretofore $39.50 — 18.50

Dressy Broadcloth Suits, short coat models, in green, mahogany, black or navy; fur trimmed.
Heretofore $39.50 to $59.50 — 29.50

Fur Trimmed Chiffon Velvet Suits, trimmed with rich furs.
Heretofore $59.50 to $79.50 — 35.00

DAILY CABLE DISPATCHES TO THE TIMES

ENGLISH CHRISTMAS AS WARM AS OURS

Weather the Mildest in Many Years—Trees Bursting Into Leaf.

LONDON VERY PROSPEROUS

But Some Other Parts of the Country Suffering from Labor Troubles —Much Misery in Dublin.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas this year has seen a record exodus from London, especially for the Continent. It has been necessary to run boat-trains in triplicate.

Thousands are bound for Swiss resorts for the Winter sports, which are beginning under the most favorable conditions. The ice and snow are excellent everywhere, with brilliant sunshine.

The weather in England is the mildest at Christmas time in many years. Roses, popples, raspberries, strawberries, and blackberries are reported as being picked in the open. Trees in many places are bursting into leaf.

On all sides in London there are evidences of prosperity. The shops were never more crowded, and trade never more brisk. One shop reports 240,000 sales in one department in the last fortnight, while 1,200,000 persons visited another large store in the same period. Fifty thousand dollars was taken in one day in the Christmas present department of one establishment.

Meat, poultry, and fruit are scarcer and more expensive. Imports of fruit from America have diminished, owing to the short crops, but the fruit firms at Covent Garden predict a great improvement with the opening of the Panama Canal. They say that if there is a good system of refrigerators on board the canal vessels apples from as far north as Vancouver, and California oranges ought to be sold in the English market at most reasonable figures.

Colonial beef is dear, partly, it is said, because large quantities are being diverted to America as a result of the removal of the tariff. Americans are also to a large extent responsible for the shortage in turkeys, the birds fetching eight cents a pound above the average in previous years. A London dealer told a NEW YORK TIMES correspondent that all the turkeys in cold storage in England were bought up two months ago and that at the present moment not a single frozen turkey was to be had.

Statistics show that there is less pauperism in London now than for twelve years past. With a long period of booming trade and steady employment, the figures for 1913 show a steady decline in pauperism as compared with those of the previous twelve months, but from other parts of the country, especially where strikes are in progress there are less favorable reports.

The poor children of Dublin are in a terrible plight. Some are going about practically naked, almost frozen with cold, and begging crusts of bread. There is also much distress in Leeds in consequence of the strike of municipal employes, but this syndicalist experiment is gradually collapsing.

Syndicalism has been holding up the Leeds Municipality with the idea of making the town uninhabitable. The strikers refused arbitration, but the citizens formed a league to defeat them. The strike thus developed into a struggle between the citizens and the strikers. The members of the public, acting as strike-breakers, are taking up the work of scavengers, gravediggers, and gas and electricity workers. Among the workers are a clergyman of the Church of England, a well-known architect, and other prominent citizens.

POPE RECEIVES CARDINALS.

They Present Their Christmas Greetings—To Spend To-day Quietly

ROME, Dec. 24.—The recent deaths in the Cardinalate have cast some gloom over the Christmas festivities at the Vatican, but the season will be observed with the usual formalities. The Pope will send his personal greetings to all the Catholic sovereigns of Europe, with the exception of the King of Italy, with whom he is supposed to hold no communication whatever.

The Cardinals residing in Rome likewise have many greetings to send, while those living abroad, including the three American Cardinals, send letters to the Holy Father, which are read personally by the Pontiff and answered by Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State.

To-day the Pope received the Cardinals. Cardinal Martinelli, although in a state of extreme feebleness, insisted on joining the other Cardinals and presenting his Christmas greeting to his Holiness.

Christmas Day will be a day of rest for the Pontiff, as, after celebrating early mass, he will only receive his sisters, and then pass the remainder of the time in the library.

At the Quirinal, Christmas will be very quietly observed. The sovereigns, after presenting gifts to their households, will retire to their private apartments and spend the day with their children.

SENDS GREETING TO CANADA.

American Peace Committee Gets Cordial Response from Premier.

Special to The New York Times.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 24.—Alton B. Parker, Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop David H. Greer, Nicholas Murray Butler, and Andrew Carnegie, the American committee charged with preparations for the celebration of 100 years of peace between Great Britain, Canada, and the United States, wired a Christmas message from New York to-day to Premier Borden, couched in the following terms:

Cordial Christmas greetings and respectfully ask message of approval and friendship from the Premier of our sister nation to the north, knit to us by ties of blood and relationship, by language and institutions, whose people have contributed so powerfully to the civilization, to the prosperity, and the population of the United Staes, to the end that this century of peace may be made an example to all the nations of the earth.

Mr. Borden sent the following reply:

On my return to Ottawa to-day I received with greatest pleasure and appreciation your message on behalf of the American Committee. My colleagues and I on behalf of the people of Canada send our warmest thanks and Christmas greetings. As we approach the consummation of a century of peace, which I trust will be worthily commemorated, we are profoundly thankful that the relations between our countries are of the most happy and cordial character. Neither nation ever won a nobler victory than that which is embodied in that century triumph of friendship and good will over every temporary difficulty and discord.

United by the ties of kinship, possessing like institutions and a common language and literature, inheriting like liberties, duties, and responsibilities, each nation owes not only to the other, but to itself, for the cause of civilization and humanity, the solemn duty and obligation of preserving and keeping constant that tradition of friendship and peace in the centuries to come.

CALLOUS AT GUILLOTINE.

Man Executed at Dunkirk Smokes a Cigar Before He Dies.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DUNKIRK, Dec. 24.—An escaped convict named Monvoisin, who deliberately shot dead a sailor in a dance hall for accidentally colliding with him while dancing, was executed here this morning.

Monvoisin displayed the utmost callousness. He devoted his time while dressing for the scaffold to abusing his lawyer for defending him badly. After hearing mass, to which he paid little attention, he smoked a cigar while the executioner was making the final preparations.

The priest in attendance, as the condemned man passed out of the prison door, besought him not to make a scene by addressing the crowd gathered near the guillotine. "I will speak if I want to," the man fiercely replied, and then, as he was hurried toward the guillotine and caught sight of the people, he shouted at them: "You Dunkirk people are a lot of cowards!"

At that moment the executioner's assistants seized him, and ten seconds later he was dead.

$80,000 DONATELLO SHOWN.

Statue Bought by Italian Government Placed in Florence Museum.

FLORENCE, Dec. 24.—Donatello's famous statue of St. John the Baptist, which was executed for his friend and patron, Martelli, and purchased by the Italian Government for $80,000, was placed to-day in the Donatello Hall in the National Museum, after having remained virtually hidden for five centuries in the old Martelli Palace.

Large sums were offered for the statue by foreign galleries and art collectors, but the law prevented it from leaving Italy.

Giving Friedmann a Chance.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—On the invitation of Budapest physicians, Dr. F. F. Friedmann during the past fortnight has been treating some 200 patients at the clinics of several well-known Professors. Shey are giving him every facility to test his remedy.

Charlton Complains of Cold Cell.

COMO, Dec. 24.—The Christmas season brings little cheer to Porter Charlton, the young American who is awaiting trial for the murder of his wife. He complained to-day especially of his cold cell, which was rendered more dismal by the prevailing fog. Possibly Christmas Day will prove more cheerful, as Charlton will be allowed to have extra dishes from the restaurant where he purchases his meals and a longer walk in the narrow courtyard where he exercises.

Proposes a de Lesseps Memorial.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The American Ambassador, Myron T. Herrick, has submitted to the State Department at Washington, on the initiative of Perry Belmont of New York, a propasal that a memorial to Ferdinand de Lesseps be erected on the Isthmus of Panama on a site selected by the United States Government, as a fitting recognition of France's share in the construction of the canal.

Paris Slaughterers' Strike Ended.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The strike of the slaughterers has been settled, the men and the employers having compromised their differences. Work will be resumed on Friday in time to replenish the stocks, which have been exhausted by the Christmas demands.

WEDS FORMER SWEETHEART

J. C. Bingham of Brooklyn Marries Woman He Wooed 25 Years Ago.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—A romance of more than a quarter of a century ago was revealed to-day when James C. Bingham of Brooklyn, a real estate agent, was married here to Mrs. Phoebe J. Nelson of New York by the Rev. R. C. Denison, pastor of the United Church.

According to the story told by friends of the pair, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Nelson both sought the hand of Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Nelson being favored. Mr. Bingham later married but was divorced twenty-one years ago. Mr. Nelson died in 1908.

A few years ago Mr. Bingham and Mrs. Nelson renewed their old friendship and it culminated in their marriage to-day, arrangements for which were made a week ago.

'MOVE ON OJINAGA; GIVE NO QUARTER'

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ment was advised of the ultimate purpose of Great Britain, but no one at the State Department to-day could throw any light on the matter. Secretary Bryan being in Florida, it could not be ascertained whether the British Government advised him of the instructions which were given Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock. There is an impression at the State Department, however, that no representations referring to such a purpose were at any time made by the British Ambassador.

Rear Admiral Fletcher advised the Navy Department to-day that the battleships Michigan and Louisiana had left Vera Cruz to-day for the United States, having been relieved by the Connecticut and Kansas. The New Hampshire will go to the Norfolk yard for urgent repairs, instead of to New York, as had been heretofore announced.

It has been decided to send the battleship Minnesota, now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and the battleship Georgia, which is at the Boston yard, to Vera Cruz to relieve the Michigan and New Jersey. The Michigan is now at Vera Cruz and the New Jersey at Tuxpam.

Admiral Fletcher's dispatches continue to report that conditions at Tampico are orderly, and that no further movement of the revolutionary troops against the city has taken place. A dispatch from Commander Ziegemeier of the gunboat Annapolis, which is at Acapulco, announced to-day that the Constitutionalists had captured the city of San Marcos, and that their forces were overrunning the State of Guerrero.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets remove cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c.—Adv.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, Sunday, January 4th, 1914. Special Financial Section. Reliable figures for reference, finance and commerce in 1913, and the outlook for 1914. Order in advance.—Adv.

BERLIN POLICE HEAD IS TO BE CENSURED

Von Jagow's Remarks About the Zabern Affair Will Result in "Corrective Measures."

MAY MEAN HIS REMOVAL

But He Has Weathered Previous Storms—Rebuke Printed in Official North German Gazette.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Dr. von Jagow, Berlin's Police President, who has reinflamed popular passions over the Zabern affair by publicly criticising the conviction of Lieut. Baron von Forstner, will be officially called to account.

To-night's North German Gazette, the organ of the Imperial Government, announces that although Dr. von Jagow wrote to the Kreuz Zeitung as a private person, "the political importance of the affair of course makes it necessary for the Prussian Government to decide whether and to what extent his free expression of opinion exceeds those limitations which are incumbent upon a public official, even in his private capacity."

It is added that when this question has been thoroughly investigated "the necessary corrective measures" will be taken. Von Jagow's official head would thus seem to be in danger, but he has weathered more than one storm in the past.

MR. GERARD'S MESSAGE.

Ambassador's Greeting Is Published in a Berlin Paper.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Christmas number of the Lokal Anzeiger will to-morrow publish the following greeting from Ambassador Gerard:

"America's Christmas celebration is a little darkened by the fact that our German cousins do not wish to participate in the San Francisco Exposition, but I sincerely hope that the incident will in no way affect the hearty relations between Germany and the United States.

"Christmas appears in Berlin to be a great family festival, which proves how much the German nation is devoted to home and fireside. As I am not to have the pleasure of celebrating it in my own home in New York, I am glad to spend Christmas in Berlin, where so much hospitality and true Christmas spirit prevail."

MOVE RECORD MAIL WITH EXTRA FORCE

Post Office Officials Had Expected a Rush and Prepared for It.

TEST OF THE PARCEL POST

Deliveries Will Be Continued All Day in the Residence Districts—Outgoing Mails Heavy.

The heaviest Christmas mail in the history of the local Post Office was handled here yesterday, owing to the fact that this is the first Christmas in which the parcel post has been used. While exceedingly heavy, however, the Christmas mail was not larger than had been expected, and ample preparations to handle it had been made by the local postal authorities. Late last night, with the Superintendent of Mails traveling through the city on tours of inspection, Assistant Superintendent of the Mails William S. McGee at the Grand Central Post Office said the Christmas mail was being dispatched in fine shape throughout the city, and that the postal authorities expected to deliver all of it to-day. In the residential district there will be deliveries all day.

An extra force of about 30 per cent. was added to handle the holiday mail, and every man employed was kept busy all day yesterday. The greatest bulk of mail was received at the Grand Central Post Office, although the volume coming in and flowing out was unprecedently heavy also at the Pennsylvania Station Post Office, the Hudson Terminal Branch, and the General Post Office on Park Row.

All four of these major stations worked in close co-operation, and whenever mail of any sort was found to be getting congested at one station large portions of it were immediately transferred to one of the three other stations. All are connected by pneumatic tubes, except the new Pennsylvania Station Post Office. Several times in the course of the day parcels post matter piling up at the Grand Central Branch was transferred to the Pennsylvania Post Office and the General Post Office, and accumulating letter mail was sent for relief to the Hudson Terminal Branch.

It was impossible yesterday to estimate even roughly the number of Christmas parcels handled by the various Post Offices here. The quantity shipped by department stores and mail order houses alone was enormous. Most of this in previous years had been shipped by express.

Andrew Carnegie's Garage Burns.

HASTINGS-UPON-HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The garage on the country place of Andrew Carnegie near the St. Andrews Golf Club links, near this place, took fire this afternoon and was destroyed. The firemen found there was no hydrant within reaching distance and had to fight the fire with buckets. There was danger at one time that the house would take fire from the great heat. One automobile was burned in the garage.

WANTS DIVORCE ANNULLED.

Mrs. Sanborn Says It Was Obtained Without Her Knowledge.

Special to The New York Times.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Florence Madeline Wolcott-Sanborn of Brookline, daughter of the wealthy retired shoe manufacturer, John W. Wolcott of The Elms, Natick, has petitioned the Middlesex Superior Court for an annulment of the divorce decree granted her husband, Robert C. Sanborn of New York, on May 23, 1911.

Mrs. Sanborn is only 25 years old and was married to Mr. Sanborn on Dec. 1, 1904. They spent their honeymoon touring Europe.

In the papers filed Mrs. Sanborn charged that the divorce, granted on the ground that she deserted her husband in New York in 1907, was obtained without her knowledge and while she was sick in bed. She asserts that she left him for justifiable cause, and mentions cruel and abusive treatment, non-support, and infidelity.

It is her assertion that the first she knew of her husband's divorce case was when he told that his decree had become absolute and that he had received the custody of their seven-year-old boy, Robert W. Sanborn.

According to the petition, Sanborn "farmed the boy out" to families in Maine and elderly people in South Boston, and that he was not properly cared for or schooled until his mother gained custody of him.

DR. G. S. WHITE DIVORCED.

Yonkers Physician Immediately Takes a New Wife in Reno.

Special to The New York Times.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.—George Starr White, a physician and manufacturer of a baby food at Yonkers, N. Y., obtained a divorce to-day from Hattie A. White, whom he married in Brooklyn in December, 1880.

An hour after leaving the courtroom Dr. White obtained a license to wed Ada A. Roosman and they were married by Justice of the Peace Davis. Both gave their residence as Reno, but the bride is not known here. Dr. White is 47 years old and his bride 37.

In his divorce suit testimony Dr. White charged that his former wife insulted his customers and ruined his business; also that she gave way to outbursts of violence, in the course of which she stabbed him with a hatpin and poured ammonia over him. The case was undefended.

Share with Fall River Employes.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.—The employes at the Bourne Mills received the usual semi-annual profit-sharing dividend to-day, amounting to nearly a week's extra pay for every one of them who has been in steady employment. The total amount paid out is understood to have been about $4,000.

Broadway **Saks & Company** at 34th St.

Friday and Saturday

we shall reduce our entire stock of

Women's Evening Gowns & Evening Wraps

one-third to one-half of the original prices

Any garment purchased in this sale tomorrow or Saturday will, if necessary, be altered in time for wear on New Year's Eve—and the garment itself will be charged to January account upon request.

Gowns....that were $225 to $250....reduced to $159
Gowns....that were $175 to $225....reduced to $100
Gowns....that were $135 to $159....reduced to $85
Gowns....that were $100 to $135....reduced to $69
Gowns....that were $85 to $100....reduced to $48
Gowns....that were $40 to $50....reduced to $25
Gowns....that were $35 to $45....reduced to $21
Gowns....that were $25 to $30....reduced to $14

Wraps....that were $250 to $300....reduced to $159
Wraps....that were $175 to $200....reduced to $100
Wraps....that were $100 to $125....reduced to $69
Wraps....that were $75 to $110....reduced to $48
Wraps....that were $50 to $65....reduced to $28
Wraps....that were $30 to $45....reduced to $18
Wraps....that were $25 to $35....reduced to $15

Very special for tomorrow

98 Beaded Wraps at $38

actual values $75 to $125

Clearance of

Children's Shoes at radical reductions tomorrow

These are our regular stock button and lace models, in gun metal calf and tan Russia calf skin; and patent colt shoes in button style only. Made on broad toe, orthopaedic shapes, as well as in the more conservative models—and all Goodyear welted. Some sizes missing, but very few.

$2.00 Shoes (6 to 8) reduced to $1.35
$2.50 Shoes (8½ to 11) reduced to $1.65
$2.75 Shoes (11½ to 2) reduced to $1.95
$3.25 Shoes (2½ to 6) reduced to $2.45

News Extraordinary! tomorrow and Saturday

Every Trimmed Hat in Stock reduced to $7

(Mourning Hats alone excepted)

Left from our accumulations of

Christmas Blouses

A great assortment of broken sizes which have been re-grouped and re-priced for tomorrow!

Lingerie Blouses.....to be sold at $2.00
Lingerie Blouses.....to be sold at $2.95
Shadow Lace Blouses.....to be sold at $2.95
Shadow Lace Blouses.....to be sold at $3.95
Crepe de chine Blouses.....to be sold at $5.00
Crepe de chine Blouses.....to be sold at $5.95

The newest models—the daintiest colorings and quite extraordinary values—Third floor

Founded 1827 **Arnold, Constable & Co.** Founded 1827

Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled—Telephone Gramercy 5100

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Second Annual Innovation Sale

Men's High Grade Shirts

Introducing all the New Styles and Effects for 1914

7,500 strictly New Shirts in this Sale to meet all ordinary requirements—Perfect in Fit, Finish and Workmanship—All the best Foreign Ideas included in Colors and Materials.
Note the Remarkable Concessions in Prices by the Single Shirt or in Quantities of 3 or 6 Shirts.

PURE SILK CREPE SHIRTS—Scarcest and most sought for of all high grade silk shirtings—Good weight crepe with neat satin stripes woven in—Regularly $7.50 each.
6 for 4.75 ea.; 3 for 4.85 ea. Single Shirt, 4.95

PURE SILK SHIRTS—Mostly from 1914 satin striped silk shirtings. Many jacquarded and novelty effects from our own better grades. Custom workmanship throughout—Regularly $5.00 to $6.50 each.
6 for 3.45 ea.; 3 for 3.55 ea. Single Shirt, 3.65

PURE SILK SHIRTS—New crisp and lustrous shirts that are of the finest making and in the most desirable satin stripes. Serviceable qualities. Sizes, 14 to 18. Regularly $5.00 each.
6 for 3.05 ea.; 3 for 3.15 ea. Single Shirt, 3.25

PURE SILK SHIRTS—A firmly woven silk shirting in a large and complete assortment of medium and light grounds—extremely well made. Sizes, 14 to 18—Regularly $4.50 each.
6 for 2.85 ea.; 3 for 2.90 ea. Single Shirt, 2.95

COTTON CREPE SHIRTS—1914 patterns, handsomest and newest of all cotton and mercerized fabrics. An extremely neat novelty. Soft cuffs. All sizes. Regularly $2.50 each.
6 for 1.50 ea.; 3 for 1.55 ea. Single Shirt, 1.65

FLANNEL AND COTTON CREPE SHIRTS—Two most desirable shirts—Taffeta flannel in neat stripes. New 1914 crepes in handsome patterns. French cuffs. Regularly $2.50 each.
6 for 1.35 ea.; 3 for 1.40 ea. Single Shirt, 1.45

MADRAS NEGLIGEE SHIRTS—Pleated and plain models. The newest and choicest patterns only. Laundered cuffs—woven and printed fabrics—Regularly $2.50 each.
6 for 1.80 ea.; 3 for 1.85 ea. Single Shirt, 1.90

FANCY SHIRTS—ALL STYLES—New semi-bosom shirts, short pleated front, regular pleated negligees, plain front negligees. Mercerized shirts. All better grades—Regularly $1.50 to $2.00 each.
6 for 80c ea.; 3 for 85c ea. Single Shirt, 90c

Men's Sleeping Garments and Hosiery

Choice Assortments at Special Prices during this Sale.

FINEST MERCERIZED PAJAMAS—Unusually fine quality mercerized Madras and Pongee effects. Plain and fancy. Regularly $2.50, $3.00. Per Suit, 1.95
HEAVIEST DOMET PAJAMAS—Neat patterns and exceptionally well finished. Liberal sized patterns. Regularly $2.00. Per Suit, 1.35
HEAVIEST TWILL NIGHT ROBES—None heavier or warmer. Made with collars on. Large bodies. Regularly $1.75 1.15
DOMET NIGHT ROBES—White and neat colors. Heavy soft fleecy kind. Made extra wide and long. Regularly $1.25 90c
SILK AND CASHMERE HOSE—Most comfortable and very serviceable half hose. Light in weight, with warmth. Mottled colors. Regularly 60c. 3 pairs for $1.00 pair, 35c

Special Reduction Sale of Morley's and Other English Underwear.

Complete lines of all sizes of Morley's all-wool unshrinkable full fashioned garments in Silver Grey and Natural shades. Also all odd lots and discontinued lines of the finest all-wool Merino and silk mixed underwear of different weights.—Regular prices $3.25 to $4.50 per garment. 2.65

BRETTLES' ENGLISH SILK UNDERWEAR
in large and extra sizes,
at less than half regular prices.

Fine Fur Coats, Muffs and Scarfs
At Decided Reductions in Prices

Fashionable Furs—high grade qualities—a large range of sizes for women, and in many cases sizes for misses. The models are the very latest.

CARACUL COATS Three-quarter length. Value $70.00 55.00
CARACUL COATS Full length. Value $90.00 68.00
CARACUL COATS Full length. Value $100.00 75.00
FRENCH SEAL COATS Three-quarter length. Value $90.00 65.00
FRENCH SEAL COATS Full length. Value $100.00 72.50
HUDSON SEAL COATS Three-quarter length. Value $190.00 125.00
HUDSON SEAL COATS Three-quarter length. Value $225.00 185.00
HUDSON SEAL COATS Full length. Value $225.00 200.00

PERSIAN PAW SCARFS Values $5.00 to $20.00 3.00 to 14.00
PERSIAN PAW MUFFS Values $9.00 and $10.00 6.00 and 7.00
CARACUL SCARFS Values $9.00 and $12.00 6.00 and 8.00
CARACUL MUFFS Value $10.00 7.00
ALASKA SABLE SCARFS Values $35.00 to $110.00 25.00 to 80.00
ALASKA SABLE MUFFS Values $40.00 to $125.00 28.00 to 90.00
MOLESKIN SCARFS Values $22.00 to $110.00 16.00 to 82.00
MOLESKIN MUFFS Values $32.00 to $110.00 25.00 to 80.00

Broadway & 19th Street

CHISTMAS CHEERED FOR '100 NEEDIEST'

Some Measure of Happiness Brought to All Whose Cases Moved Times Readers.

ONE CHECK FOR $1,000

More Responses to the Stories of the Unfortunates Whose Plight The Times Told About.

Santa Claus, his pack bulging with gifts and his pocketbook filled, went last evening into the homes of many of the "100 Neediest Cases," for whom an appeal was printed in THE NEW YORK TIMES on Dec. 14. Thanks to the generous response to the appeal many of those who were hopeless are happy now with their wants provided for. The children, whose cases touched many a heart, will have clothing and medical care so that in the future they can go out with healthy minds and bodies to fight the battle of life. A check for $1,000 inclosed in this letter was received by THE NEW YORK TIMES yesterday:

Inclosed is a check for the "100 Neediest Cases." May I ask that you have it distributed equally, unless the judgment of those who know the need should dictate otherwise? I'm sorry that the gift could not be larger when the suffering is so great.

THE NEW YORK TIMES acknowledges also the receipt of $25 from an anonymous giver.

By 8 o'clock last night the last Christmas package had been sent to the 3,200 families that are being aided by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. John A. Kingsbury, General Director, said that the response of regular and special contributors had enabled the association to give to many not only a Merry Christmas but aid that will extend well into the year. The total amount received by this organization for the "100 Neediest Cases" is $3,556 from 313 persons. This is $1,400 more than was given last year.

One visitor made an old mother very happy by providing transportation for her return to the home of her daughter. Another visitor's list of presents to some of her families will give some idea of the variety of Christmas cheer that the association's staff has distributed: Two cook stoves, two women's skirts taken out of pawn so that they can go to church on Christmas Day, one wedding ring out of pawn, two sets of teeth, one-half payment on another set of teeth, one wringer, one pair of felt slippers for an invalid, one warm wrapper for a woman just out of the hospital, ten small Christmas trees, one raincoat and rubbers for a schoolgirl, and dresses for two little girls.

The Charity Organization Society has received $2,600. In addition to this donations of clothing and promises of future help were received.

The State Charities Aid Association has received $1,106, of which $417 was received yesterday.

Ruth Sargent, the child who was deserted by her father, and whose mother is insane, is going to have a good home. A childless husband and wife have agreed to adopt her.

A friend has come forward and offered to provide a good home for a year for 5-year-old Edward Landon, whose case was No. 82. This is the little boy who never knew his father, and whose mother deserted him when he was a baby.

This letter, received yesterday, shows the impression made upon those who have read the "One Hundred Neediest Cases":

On Sunday I thought to send this to Case No. 1 because it was a case of old age in trouble, but to-day on reading THE NEW YORK TIMES I am so moved with pity for all that I cannot name any one, so I must ask you to give this to the case which receives least help from others.

A letter was received inclosing $25 "for widows and orphans." Here is another generous offer:

In response to the appeal in THE NEW YORK TIMES of Dec. 14 for aid for the hundred neediest cases, I inclose my check for $50. Please call it a donation from a friend, and if you require it, call on me for $50 more.

Old persons in distress aroused much sympathy, as witnessed by this letter, one of many received:

Enclosed please find check for $30, which I wish divided equally between the two poor old couples you referred to in the inclosed clipping from to-day's TIMES. My heart aches for the poor persons, and I do hope that you can succeed in keeping them out of the poor house. I should like to know a little later how they are getting on.

It is unfortunate that not all cases attracted sympathy, and in consequence had it not been for those who left the bestowal of their alms to the discretion of those administering the funds there would have been some who would have had an unhappy Christmas. As it is not all have been helped sufficiently to alleviate even their present wants. Still in most of the cases the appeal brought happiness and a real Christmas.

HOSPITAL AIDS MANY.

Clothing for Children and Dinners for Their Parents.

Christmas presents were distributed to 435 boys and girls at the Presbyterian Hospital yesterday, and in addition 235 poor families known to the hospital workers were provided with food for the Christmas dinner to-day. A large tree was set up in the dispensary department, decorated with the gifts for the children which were presented by a Santa Claus impersonated by one of the house physicians. Each child received a big red stocking containing woolen underwear, mittens, hat, toys, candy and other things. The dinner baskets contained chicken, pies, and other good things for the older folks.

A committee of women identified with the social work of the hospital prepared the gifts for distribution.

NEWARK HAS A TREE.

Chimes and "Waits" Usher in Municipal Celebration.

The chimes in the tower of old Trinity Church, Newark, opened a celebration last night for the city's first municipal Christmas tree. The big tree stands in Military Park, near the old church. All of the branches are illuminated with colored electric lights.

At 8 o'clock, throughout the city, "Waits" went forth from the churches into the streets singing Christmas carols. Thousands of persons gathered in the streets for the exercises. The lights on the tree were turned on by Mrs. Charles E. O. Smith.

BOY SCOUTS CARRY CHEER.

Distribute Baskets to Needy on Christmas Eve.

Boy Scouts of Troop 2, Astoria B. S. A., did a good turn on Christmas Eve by undertaking the safe delivery of Christmas baskets to families in need of assistance in the Astoria and Ravenswood sections of Long Island City. The baskets, containing material for a dinner as well as toys and candy, were provided by the Girls' Friendly Society, connected with the Church of the Redeemer, and, through the courtesy of the Health Department, were prepared and delivered from the Infants' Milk Station, 114 Fulton Avenue. The scouts, in uniform, under Scoutmaster Frederick White, assembled at 3 o'clock, and after being assigned to the different routes proceeded with the distribution of baskets in the true scout spirit of efficient and cheerful helpfulness.

Gifts for 1,000 Long Island Poor.

Special to The New York Times.

WHEATLEY HILLS, L. I., Dec. 24.—A thousand families through this part of Long Island received Christmas gifts of clothing this afternoon from the Nassau County Association for the Relief and Care of the Sick Poor. The homes of J. Sergeant Cram, Willard D. Straight, and Frank L. Crocker were the distributing points.

TO GIVE BLIND A DINNER.

Ziegler Will Entertain Those in the Almshouse on New Year's.

About 170 blind men and women in the almshouse on Blackwell's Island will be the guests of William Ziegler, Jr., at a New Year's dinner. Mr. Ziegler, like his mother, Mrs. Matilda Ziegler, who founded the Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the blind, is much interested in those afflicted in this way.

Mrs. Ziegler, on learning of her husband's intention to give the inmates of the blind ward a New Year's dinner, decided to give a feast to the ninety cripples in the ward beneath the blind.

BROADWAY HEARS ANTHEMS.

Hundreds Stop to Listen as St. Paul's Choir Sings Christmas Carols

Hundreds of persons in Broadway stopped yesterday in front of old St. Paul's Chapel at Fulton Street, when the anthem "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," was sung in the high-pillared porch of the chapel by the choir. The anthem was heard in Park Row and up and down Broadway for several blocks. Cabs and automobiles stopped while their occupants listened to the song, and the windows of near-by office buildings were opened so that the workers might hear the music.

The Christmas Eve service of the St. Paul choir may have lost some of its impressiveness from the absence of snow which covered the ground last year, but the attendance was large. Members of the company of Boy Scouts attached to the chapel passed about in the crowd distributing programmes of the meeting, and when a second anthem, "O come, all ye faithful," had been sung, the listeners flocked into the church, filling all the seats and most of the available room in the aisles.

The Rev. W. Montague Geer, Vicar of St. Paul's, led the indoor service, assisted by the Rev. George Benson Cox and the Rev. A. Willoughby Henzell, with Edmund Jacques, choirmaster, in charge of the singing. The service was devoted to the singing of Christmas carols, and it lasted an hour. These were the carols sung: "What Good News the Angels Bring," "The Birthday of Our King," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," "All This Night Bright Angels Sing," "Hush, My Dear, Lie Still and Slumber," "Ring Out the Bells," "Christmas Greeting," of which the words were written by the Bishop of Truro; "Venite Adoremus Dominum," "Silent Night," by Haydn; "Benediction Hymn," and the recessional carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

At 3 o'clock this morning a service for night workers was held in St. Paul's, and early celebrations of the day were scheduled for 7 and 8 A. M., with a service at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. On Sunday another meeting for those who work at night will be held at 2:30 A. M., with holy communion at 8 o'clock and the usual services of the chapel in the afternoon, preceded by a sacred cantata at noon. On Tuesday the festival cantata, "Gloria Domini," by T. Tertius Noble, will be sung with the composer at the organ.

Friendly Sons Give $1,750.

The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, following its annual custom, has sent contributions amounting to $1,750 to the following institutions: Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Vincent's Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Home for the Aged, St. Francis's Hospital, St. Vincent de Paul Society, special works; Little Sisters of the Poor, Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, New York Association I. C. P., Sisters of the Assumption, St. John's Guild, Little Sisters of the Poor (of the Bronx;) Manhattan Eye and Ear and Throat Hospital, Sisters of the Misericordia, the Rev. Mother M. Alphonsa Lathrop, (Hawthorne Cancer Hospital;) Nazareth Day Nursery, Mission of the Holy Name, the Catholic Seamen's Mission, Italian Hospital, New York Foundling Hospital.

Bank Accounts for Newsboys.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Christmas will bring six hundred new accounts to the banks of Los Angeles, every one of them to the credit of a newsboy. The accounts will be for one dollar each, and if the recipients show a disposition to save their pennies and deposit them to their various accounts during the coming year a second dollar will be added next Christmas. A local merchant devised this scheme to encourage the saving habit among the newsboys.

LETTERS TO SANTA REALLY ANSWERED

Direct from the North Pole Come Christmas Gifts the Kiddies Wanted.

THE PACKAGES SO MARKED

Delivered by Taxicab and Wagon and Santa Claus Association Turned Down Few Requests.

A taxicab filled with Christmas packages rolled up in front of a five-story brick tenement at 301 East Sixty-fourth Street late yesterday afternoon and a young woman who had been almost obscured by the parcels stepped to the sidewalk. She took one of the packages from the taxicab, and much to the surprise of a steadily increasing crowd of children with soiled faces and soiled clothes went to the door of the tenement and pulled the knob of the bell. The knob, long in disuse, only grated in its socket. The young woman was about to enter the darkened hallway when one of the little girls in the crowd of children, who apparently lived there, pressed close to her side and asked:

"Who do you want to see here, Miss?"

"Do you happen to know a little boy living here named Alfred Briggs?" inquired the young lady.

"The Briggses live on the third floor," replied the little girl, as she eyed with curiocity the large box covered with bright Christmas seals that the visiting young woman carried.

The young lady almost ran up the stairs with the package, though at times she had to grope her way in darkness. Reaching the third floor, she called out:

"Does Mrs. Briggs live here?"

"Yes," replied a woman's voice.

"Well, where's Alfred?" inquired the visitor as if she had known Alfred all his life.

"He's in here," was the answer of a frail-looking little woman, who thrust her head out of the door into the hall, and with visible astonishment searched the face of the young lady with the package.

"Here's a package of Christmas things that Santa Claus has sent to Alfred," explained the young lady. "Santa Claus received Alfred's letter, and when he learned that the little boy was so modest in his wishes he decided to be very generous with Alfred."

The face of a handsome little brown-eyed boy, 9 years old, suddenly popped out of the door, and the young lady with the package quickly guessed that it was Alfred.

"Alfred," she said, "Santa Claus wishes you a Merry Christmas."

"From Santa Claus, North Pole."

She handed to the lad the package on which was a red seal with his name and address written below the words: "From Santa Claus, North Pole." Below the name of the youngster was the name of Santa Claus's branch office in this city, "Santa Claus Association, 58 West Thirty-sixth Street, New York, John D. Gluck, Secretary."

The youngster held the package tightly in his arms, while his mother held up her hands and exclaimed:

"Now, what do you think of that? Who would have thought Santa Claus would answer my little boy's letter this way?"

Inasmuch as it was Christmas Eve, Alfred was permitted to open the package. He drew from it first a pretty embroidered garment with a note pinned to it, saying it was for his mother. Then he took out a top, some dominoes, some warm little kid gauntlets, a ring game, and some story books with colored illustrations. The lad's delight was irrepressible. Santa Claus had never been to his home, he said.

Suddenly his eyes fell on a note in the bottom of the package. He turned to the end of it and there he found the signature "Santa Claus."

Alfred read the note aloud to his mother and the young lady who brought the package. Santa Claus commended the boy because he had not been extravagant in his request for Christmas toys. He also told Alfred how glad he was to read that part of his letter in which Alfred had said he tried to be "good to his mother." Santa Claus then inclosed the name and address of a "very kind lady," living in an adjoining State, who would be glad to receive a letter from the lad telling her whether he had enjoyed his Christmas box.

This Christmas package was delivered to the home of little Alfred Briggs by Miss Gertrude Whitaker, Assistant Secretary of the Santa Claus Association. It was one of about a hundred such packages that were sent to the offices of the association through a misunderstanding of the plan for distributing Christmas presents to children of the poor.

Thousands of Letters.

In all, Mr. Gluck, Secretary of the Santa Claus Association, said he received between 15,000 and 20,000 letters from children in New York writing to Santa Claus and begging him not to "forget" them as he had done before on Christmas. These requests, modest in extent and pathetic in appeal, were distributed to generous persons throughout the city, some taking as many as 100 and agreeing to send something in response to each request.

A close accounting of all the Santa Claus letters has been kept, and Mr. Gluck has hundreds of communications from donors in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and elsewhere, notifying the Santa Claus Association that the presents had been sent to the children whom Santa Claus otherwise would have forgotten.

Most of the packages sent by mistake to the offices of the Santa Claus Association were expressed or mailed to the children for whom they were intended last night. Only those with an unusual appeal, in which Miss Whitaker took a personal interest were delivered by her, and she said last night that she had undertaken to deliver those special presents simply for the delight she found in making Christmas happy for those children whom Santa Claus heretofore had overlooked. Miss Whitaker read nearly every one of the letters received by the Santa Claus Association, and it was she who finally passed on those requests that were worthy. It was learned that she had rejected only a few appeals. In order to consider all the appeals, she had to work about twenty hours a day just before Christmas. She said she had been able to continue such long hours by putting a cot in her office and sleeping there.

Miss Whitaker was assisted in the investigation of all the appeals to Santa Claus by more than a score of other young women and young men trained for that kind of work. Among them were Miss Emma H. Gunther, Miss L. Roy Balderston, Miss Alma Harvey, Miss Mary E. Stoudart, Mrs. H. C. MacLean, Miss Ada G. Sykes, Miss Birdie Bloch, Miss Eleanor A. Rooney, Miss Isabel Rees Sifferlen, Lester L. Mayer, Sumner Bowman, and David S. Stember.

Mr. Gluck announced last night that the plan of taking care of all Santa Claus letters would be undertaken on a larger and even more systematic scale next Christmas. Aid has been promised to him in the enterprise by one of the leading financial institutions in the city, he said.

"The whole thing has proved a great success," said Mr. Gluck, "and, inasmuch as it has, I am not sorry to announce that the association is still a little short of funds as a result of the expense we have had in mailing answers to these 20,000 letters from the children and to the donors, in addition to express charges on the packages we had to send from this office. I believe, however, that we will receive sufficient additional contributions from persons interested in the movement to meet all our obligations."

To the children of the poor of New York City Mr. Gluck announced that Santa Claus's branch office here was to be a permanent thing.

"Boy Broker" Davis Pardoned.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Robert E. Davis, "the boy broker," serving five years for misappropriating investment funds, was pardoned to-day by the Governor and Council. He had served two and a half years. Davis was arrested in February, 1911, at Rio Janeiro, whither he had fled. He was then only 26 years old.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA IS ALWAYS MERRY

Trees and Holiday Fare on the Lusitania and the Lorraine Outward Bound.

SHIPS IN PORT CELEBRATE

On German Boats the Crew Will Dance on Deck and Compete with Their Trees.

The Cunarder Lusitania and the French liner Lorraine, which sailed yesterday for Europe, will have big Christmas trees in the first, second, and third class cabins to-day laden with toys and candies for the children. Passengers of all classes will have their Christmas fare, and the mince pie and plum pudding will be carried into the dining saloon by the stewards all ablaze when the lights have been turned down and the bands are playing "The Mistletoe Bough" and kindred seasonable melodies. All the public rooms will be decorated with holly and evergreens.

The Cunarder Campania, the American Line steamship Philadelphia, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Arcadian, the French Line steamship Savoie, the Cunarder Franconia, White Star liner Cedric, and other liners crossing to New York will celebrate to-day in the customary manner. The crews will have their dinner of turkey and plum pudding and pumpkin pie at noon, eight bells, and the Captain, doctor, and purser will visit the different messes and taste the various plum duffs, as sailors term their pudding. On American and British ships the members of the crew get a bottle of beer or ginger ale, and on the French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese ships they get wine and cognac. On the German and Dutch ships beer and schnapps are served out to the crew.

On the Scandinavian ships in all parts of the world the crews have "glug," the Norseman's drink at Yuletide. It is made wiht yolks of eggs mixed with burned sugar and Swedish brandy, then French brandy, and burned all together, with more brandy added to make it the proper strength. All hands have their special brew of "glug," and the cat always gets his share. It is customary for the ship's cat, after indulging in "glug," to climb up to the foretop and stay there for hours addressing disrespectful remarks to the elements, according to deep sea traditions.

On ships where they have no turkeys or live fowls in the coop to regale the crew they get fresh beef or pork, and as a last resort they have salt beef or pork or soup and bouilli, which is canned Australian beef, with vegetables and preserved potatoes.

Crews of ships off Cape Horn to-day will have daylight practically the whole twenty-four hours, and the cry of the penguin and the hoarse screech of the albatross, with snow and ice to remind them of Christmas at home. In Calcutta and the East Indian ports there will be warm sunshine, and in Australia and New Zealand it will be mid-Summer and the time for picnics in the country.

On the Pacific Ocean, ships bound for China and Japan which cross the 180th meridian on Dec. 24, will have no Christmas, as a jump will be made to Dec. 26, while vessels bound for American ports on the Pacific Coast coming from Japan and striking the meridian on the 24th will have two Christmas days in order that the navigation of the ship can be worked out in conformity with the Seaman's Almanac.

All ships in New York Harbor to-day will keep Christmas by giving the crew a good dinner, with liberty to invite their friends, and the German ships will have a Christmas tree in each department. At noon to-day the Captain will go around and inspect the different trees to see which is the most artistically decorated, because for this one there is a prize. In the evening he will dine with the officers in the saloon, and the men will have their dances on deck forward.

GIFTS TO BOSTON EMPLOYES.

Freeman-Cobb and Lownie Companies Distribute Cash—Profit-Sharing

Special to The New York Times.

BOSTON, Dec., 24.—Employes of the Freeman-Cobb Company of 3T Wharf were pleasantly surprised this noon when each received a week's salary in gold as a Christmas gift. The concern employs more than a score of men and women and none were forgotten. This Christmas marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the firm. W. Irving Atwood, vice president of the company, made the presentation.

Employes of the Walter M. Lowney Company, of Boston and Mansfield, numbering more than 1,000, received Christmas gifts in cash from the company, as in previous years, in recognition of their service.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Bourne Cotton Mills Corporation paid to-day its forty-eighth semi-annual profit-sharing dividend to its operatives. It was 3½ per cent. on wages paid from June 2 to Nov. 29, 1913, inclusive, to operatives steadily employed. About 85 per cent. of the operatives shared in the dividend, which amounted to more than $4,000.

BILLBOARDS GIVE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Beautiful Posters of the Nativity First in a Campaign to Uplift the Children in Cities.

GIFT OF ADVERTISING MEN

Those Controlling Billboards Use Their Vacant Space to Help Uplift the Community.

Many persons in this city have noticed in the last few days in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Brooklyn, large and beautiful posters in twelve colors, portraying the Nativity of Christ. The large stone stable is there; the shepherds have returned from their night watches, bearing lights which are bedimmed by the radiance which emanates from the Child. The Magi are there, with their presents of frankincense and myrrhh; through the open doorway can be seen their caravan with camels and servants. Mary holds the Child in her arms; its hands are extended over the coarse straw of the manger. In a stall nearby stand the ox and the ass.

Many have wondered what the big poster was meant to advertise. There was no picture of a beer or whiskey flask or soft shirt or patent leather shoes or Christmas girl shopper with fashionable slouch, to explain the picture and give it a reason. Only, in the lower left hand corner appeared the words: "Ask your Sunday School teacher to tell you the story."

Investigation yesterday brought out that the Nativity picture poster was not put up as an advertisement at all. It was traced to the office of the Van Buren and New York Bill Posting Company, which controls all billboard advertising in this city; and in the office of that firm an uncommercial tale was unfolded by Barney Link, President, and K. H. Fulton, Vice President and general manager, of the company.

According to them, in July, at the annual convention of the Poster Advertising Association held in Atlantic City, it was resolved by the association's 3,000 members—one in every town or city—to utilize the advertising space at the disposal of the association in slack seasons for conducting, free of charge, a campaign of its own for the uplift of children throughout the country.

"At times," said Mr. Link yesterday, "we are unable to fill all the space at our disposal. Accordingly, just as a theatrical manager with a good show but with some seats vacant frequently invites in a few of his friends, we determined to turn to the advantage of the youth of our country the surplus space on our hands in slack seasons. No other organization or movement is back of this; we merely want to do our share in this way to stop as best we can by illustrated lessons the disintegration that threatens the childhood of the big modern city."

The Nativity poster is the first produced with this aim. More than 7,500 posters of the sort have been distributed to the 3,000 members of the association in this country and Canada, at a cost of more than $10,000. The allotment for Manhattan and the Bronx was 200, and 200 for Brooklyn. Some towns of only 3,000 inhabitants have only two posters allotted to them. The Nativity poster is the work of Edward Volker, an artist formerly of New York, now of Cincinnati.

The second poster which the bill posters will put up in this work will appear about Jan. 15. It will tell the life story of Gen. U. S. Grant, picturing first the log cabin in which he was born, the field in which he plowed, then his work as a woodchopper, later as General in command of the army, and finally as President at Washington. The poster will be inscribed "Grant's Start; Grant's Work; Grant's Reward. What one poor boy accomplished. What are YOU doing with better opportunities?" The Grant poster will be issued in the same numbers as the present one, but it will not be put up in Canada or in the South.

The third poster to be issued will deal with the Boy Scout movement, and will have as its object lesson "Chivalry, Health, and Humanity."

The fourth poster projected will be based on the Easter subject. It is now being designed along lines suggested by the Federation of Churches. The posters are put up, wherever possible, close to a school or church.

"This is our Christmas present to the communities in which we live," Mr. Link said.

COMPLAIN OF LEAN TIPS.

Travelers, Hotel Employes Say, Have Had Tight Purse Strings.

Employes in many of the large hotels—the bellboys, doormen, waiters, and telephone operators—complained yesterday that this had been the leanest Christmas season they ever had experienced. The gratuities usually bestowed upon attendants had been smaller and fewer this year, it was asserted, than ever before.

Investigation proved that the employes in the large hotels, where transient patronage is the general rule, were the chief complainers. In the family hotels, where the guests remain usually for six months, the employes seemed to be satisfied.

It was said at hotels which entertain many transients that holiday travel was lighter than usual, and that travelers seemed to be economizing in tips.

As Christmas Eve has been the time when hotel attendants have received most of their gifts in the past, not many were consoling themselves yesterday with anticipation of to-day.

Santa Claus Travels by Telephone

HAVE you heard the Christmas bells? They are telephone bells. And it's Santa Claus delivering the bright, cheery messages of Christmas time.

All through the holiday season friends widely separated and perhaps almost forgotten will hear "Merry Christmas" ringing out over the telephone.

Laughter, kindliness and good cheer will go speeding here, there and everywhere, for Santa Claus travels rapidly by telephone. He uses the almost limitless roadway over which the Christmas spirit can travel.

Possibly *you* know someone to whom the greeting "Merry Christmas" would mean much. Possibly you would like to share your happiness with those who may have less. Then why not pay them a visit by *telephone?* Make it a happier, brighter Christmas for yourself and others—

Just Telephone "Merry Christmas!"

NEW YORK TELEPHONE CO.

BELL SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

A Merry Christmas To You From The Big Store

"Everybody came to The Big Store" and they made this the largest Holiday Business that we ever knew; so it is a very earnest and heartfelt greeting that we wish to express to our still larger family of friends of "The Big Store" this Christmas morning.

We wish also to express our warmest greetings, and our appreciation for good work well done, to Our Employees, who so faithfully and pleasantly served the greatest crowds with the largest volume of goods that we ever sold in the Christmas month.

It is significant of many things that this year should be the greatest in volume of sales of all the successful years that have come into the history of "The Big Store."

It demonstrates that we have earned and secured the CONFIDENCE of an ever-increasing number of this great public.

It establishes the fact that "The Big Store" is not only most centrally located, but it is the EASIEST STORE TO GET TO from every quarter of New York and its suburbs.

It proves the wisdom of our having devoted the GREENHUT BUILDING to merchandise exclusively for the Home—not only making it the largest building in the country devoted to the sale of "Everything for the Home," but securing a Furnishing business of such volume that it is necessary the coming year to ENLARGE THOSE DEPARTMENTS and increase our facilities by the erection of an additional new building, adjoining and in connection with our Greenhut Building.

Our MAIN BUILDING, completed eighteen years ago, when it marked a new era in Store construction, continues today to be a model of convenience and desirable store arrangement.

THE TWO BUILDINGS, in combination, provide a plant for Shopping Service that is not excelled for

Centrality of Location
Convenience to Transit Lines
Broadest Display of Stocks, and
Convenience of Shopping

We trust that its convenience and attractions will hold an even greater appeal for your interest during the coming year than they have during the one that is passing.

We assure you of our continued efforts to deserve your confidence and commendation.

May your Christmas be Merry, and the New Year Happy and Prosperous!

GREENHUT-SIEGEL COOPER COMPANY

J. B. Greenhut, President

Both Sides of 6th Avenue, 18th and 19th Streets.

No Connection With Any Other Store

THE SOUTH THRONGS TO GREET WILSON

Shakes His Hand and Acclaims Him "Greatest American" at Train Stops.

HIS OLD HOME IS CLOSED

President Hears News of It from the Postmaster — Quiet Beginning of His Holiday.

ATLANTA, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve was spent quietly by President Wilson and his family on board their private car en route to Pass Christian, Miss., where they will arrive at daybreak. After an all-day journey through the Carolinas and Georgia, which brought recollections of Mr. Wilson's early residence in these parts, the family dined together, spent a short while in the observation parlor and retired early.

One member of the family circle was missing for the first time on a Christmas eve—the second daughter, Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayres, who is on her honeymoon trip in Europe. Her absence was recalled especially to the group as the train stopped at Gainesville, Ga., where she, as well as the President's eldest daughter, Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, were born, 26 and 28 years ago, respectively. The President and Mrs. Wilson stood on the car platform and pointed out the house to their daughters—the Misses Eleanor and Margaret.

"Where's Tom Haney?" asked the President of the handful of persons who had gathered at the rear of the train.

"Here he is," said a voice, as the individual referred to, a somewhat aged but vigorous-looking station master, appeared. The President and the station master shook hands warmly. Haney has been station master at Gainesville for nearly fifty years.

"Who lives in the old house?" the President asked, and the stationmaster knew by the direction of the questioner's nod that he meant the birthplace of his daughters.

"Nobody; it's closed up," said Haney.

"But how are you, Mr. President? We hear you have been ill."

"I'm quite well," replied the President smilingly.

"Maybe you had better not stand out in the cold," cautioned someone in the crowd, and the President thanked him for his solicitude. The engines were changed quickly and the train started, while the handful of spectators waved good-bye.

The day's ride was a restful one. The President slept during the afternoon and did no work on his correspondence. In Atlanta, during the stop, he left the train with Dr. Grayson. This was the first time he had left the car since it started from the Capital, although during the day he had appeared on the rear platform at many stations and shaken hands with hundreds who crowded around.

Especially large crowds greeted the President along the route through North Carolina. Many of those who crowded about the train were lavish in their compliments.

"You are the greatest American, living or dead," exclaimed one.

"Thank you," smiled the President.

"Shake hands with an old North Carolina clodhopper," said a tall, long-haired man wearing high boots bespattered with mud.

"Certainly," laughed Mr. Wilson, leaning over the car-rail.

Many women brought their babies to see the President, and Mr. Wilson greeted them all. "Merry Christmas" and "A happy vacation" frequently were called out.

Representative Harrison of Mississippi, in whose district Pass Christian is situated, traveled with the party and conferred during the day with the President regarding arrangements for isolation and quiet at the resort where Mr. Wilson will spend his vacation.

PAINTING, GIFT FOR WILSON.

President's Wife's Present "The Woodchoppers," by H. H. Nichols.

A painting which President Woodrow Wilson has long admired will be one of his Christmas gifts. The work is a landscape, "The Woodchoppers," by H. Hobart Nichols, a landscape artist, formerly of Washington, and whose studio now is at Bronxville, N. Y. Mrs. Wilson, herself an artist, is the donor.

The canvas had been on view in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, where the President had expressed his admiration for the work.

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JOHN I. BROWN & SON, Boston, Mass.

MANY GIFTS FOR PRESIDENT

His Family Aids Washington Poor —Fun in Commerce Department.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas presents by the score, intended for President Wilson and the members of his family, were delivered at the White House to-day by mail and express.

Two of the White House motor cars distributed eatables, clothing and toys at the houses of deserving poor people. These were gifts from Mrs. Wilson and the Misses Margaret and Eleanor Wilson, who had caused investigation to be made into many cases of destitution reported to them and arranged before they left Wsahington last night, to send relief where it was needed.

The Department of Commerce had a Christmas tree celebration at which Secretary Redfield was present. E. W. Libby was Santa Claus and he handed Mr. Redfield two presents from the tree. One met his desire that commercial attaches should be maintained at American embassies and legations abroad. The attaches presented to Mr. Redfield were packed in a suitcase. They were dolls attired in frock coats. A miniature motor boat was given to the Secretary also. His fad is motor boating.

Christmas really began to-day for the sixteen pages attached to the Senate when they seated themselves to a regular Christmas dinner provided by Vice President Marshall. The Vice President was not in town and Col. Edwin A. Halsey, superintendent of pages, occupied the seat at the head of the table. Each of the pages received a gift in cash from Senator Martine of New Jersey, while Senator Chilton of West Virginia, who invariably takes the pages to the circus once a year, gave each of them a knife.

Brand new five-dollar gold pieces were presented to each of the forty-six House pages as Christmas gifts by Representative Farr of Pennsylvania.

BROKERS' CHRISTMAS JINKS.

Play Hand Organs in Board Room and Give $12,666 to Employes.

Wall Street's courage triumphed over its adversities yesterday afternoon, and the Christmas spirit was so thick in the air that it got in the way of business. Trading was brisk enough on the Stock Exchange to make some of the members forget that it was the eve of a holiday.

A measure of the decrease in business in recent months was seen in the responses to appeals for the annual fund for employes. The total collected was only $6,500, as against $13,000 collected last year, but the employes were not allowed to feel the difference. A few years ago the committee collected between $25,000 and $30,000, of which only half was distributed, and from the surplus left over enough was added to yesterday's fund to bring it up to the previous standard. The 427 men and boys in the employ of the Exchange accordingly divided up $12,666, the largest proportion going to the man oldest in service, John Irwin, with a record of 45 years. Upstairs in the luncheon club a separate fund was divided among the waiters and chefs.

Brokers who saw no reason for being miserable just because they had not been making money in recent months set about banishing gloom from the portals of the Exchange by arranging for elaborate decoration of the luncheon club. A huge wassail bowl filled with champagne punch was set up, and the committee on entertainment sat in continuous session from 11 A. M. until 4 P. M.

Downstairs a number of brokers, particularly those in the Reading and Union Pacific crowds, found themselves so busy in the late afternoon that they had little time for the festivities. At 2:30 P. M. the guards at the head of the stairs leading from the Broad Street lobby were decoyed away long enough to allow a number of the younger members to kidnap two Italian musicians and their hurdygurdies. Against all the rules and regulations, these were carried on to the floor. George B. Buchanan played monkey on the top of one of the machines and collected enough money to keep the owners in affluence for the rest of the Winter.

In their happiness the members of the Exchange did not forget "Uncle Ben" Talbert, whose resignation as Chairman of the board had been accepted the day before. Mr. Talbert, now 82 years old, is ill at his home, Charles E. Knoblauch, whom Mr. Talbert has fined in years past more than the total value of his seat for indulging in horseplay, circulated an immense sheet of parchment beautifully engrossed with resolutions regretting the ex-Chairman's absence. Upward of 500 signatures were attached. It should be remarked that Mr. Talbert invariably relented after a display of severity and remitted all fines imposed for infractions of discipline.

The Consolidated Stock Exchange raised a fund of $2,500 for its employes and another purse for the provision of a band. The Committee on Arrangements did not take kindly to the idea of making merry at the end of a poor year and vetoed plans for a celebration.

The Cotton Exchange also distributed $2,500 to its employes, and the final session before Christmas was enlivened by an orchestra loaned by Ralph Levy, a member. The Produce Exchange will follow the custom of past years and hold its celebration at New Year's.

The National Surety Company yesterday gave out gold pieces to all of its employes, and the officers and Directors presented a loving cup to William F. Joyce, the President, to commemorate the completion of ten years' service.

BOUNTY FOR THE POOR.

Salvation Army to Feed 10,000— Other Charity Plans.

Throughout the five boroughs to-day there will be the usual holiday services in the churches. Hundreds of institutions, public and private, will provide dinners and gifts for their inmates. Many individuals and societies have provided for helping the poor to Christmas cheer, and the distribution of Christmas bounty will be extended to more persons and families and over a wider territory than on any previous Christmas Day.

Arrangements were being made last night by the Salvation Army to feed 10,000 to-day. Several sections of the Salvation Army Women's Band worked late last night to make up a shortage in the funds required for feeding all who have applied for help or are expected to do so. Long double lines of men and women stood in front of the headquarters of the Army in West Fourteenth Street last night to get tickets entitling them to a Christmas dinner.

At the Ninth Regiment Armory this afternoon Miss Eva Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, will be Santa Claus and distribute presents to 2,000 children.

Gen. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America and his assistants will distribute baskets of food to 5,000 persons at a meeting in the Murray Hill Lyceum this morning. Chicken will be substituted for turkey this year to enable the distribution to cover as many as possible. Not more than one-third of the applications received by the organization can be provided for with the money available, said Gen. Booth.

Congressman-elect George W. Loft and Mrs. Loft will be the hosts to-day to 1,500 families in the Eighteenth Congressional District, each of whom will receive a basket of food sufficient for ten persons. The distribution will be made from the headquarters of each of the four Assembly Districts, comprising the Congressional District, 289 Hudson Street, 207 Bowery, 247 Seventh Street, and 263 Grand Street.

According to his usual custom, John D. Crimmins will provide dinners for the inmates of the Home for the Aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, at 213 East Seventieth Street.

The Christmas dinner established by the late Senator Timothy D. Sullivan will be continued to-day under the new organization incorporated by some of his friends to perpetuate this charity. The dinner will be held this year at 259 Bowery, where tickets good for a pair of shoes will be given out.

At all the prisons, homes, and asylums the inmates will have Christmas fare, and in most of them some form of entertainment.

GAYNORS REMEMBER KENNEL.

Members of Late Mayor's Family Send Gifts to His Police Attendant.

Lieut. William Kennel who has been on duty at the Mayor's office in the City Hall under a half dozen Mayors was remembered yesterday by Christmas gifts from the family of the late Mayor Gaynor. Mayor Gaynor, was fond of Lieut. Kennel and Kennel took a prominent part in the funeral of the late Mayor. Mrs. Gaynor and her children sent a gold case which was inscribed:

"Lieut. Kennel, from Mrs. Gaynor and her family, in recognition of his devotion to Mayor William J. Gaynor."

The late Mayor's sisters sent a silk umbrella with a silver handle suitably inscribed. The letter accompanying the present was written by Miss Mary E. Gaynor and gave the name of the late Mayor as "William James Gaynor," although it had always been supposed that the late Mayor's name was William Jay Gaynor.

WAIFS GUESTS OF MISS FRICK

100 Pittsburgh Youngsters to be Made Happy in Her Father's Home.

Special to The New York Times.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—A fine, big Christmas tree was elaborately decorated to-night at Clayton, the residence of Henry Clay Frick, for the delight of 100 poor children of the Pittsburgh district to-morrow. Miss Helen Frick is the donor of the happy time which these young folk, most of whom are waifs, will enjoy in her father's home.

Each Christmas Day a portion of the mansion is turned over to the merry romping of the little guests of the daughter of the house, and all Miss Frick's immediate relatives and many of her intimate friends take part in the fun.

"Big Brothers" to Sick Boys.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—As a result of the "Big Brother" movement in this city four prominent business men have undertaken to form an organization to look after the boys in the city tuberculosis sanitarium. Every member will look after one boy. The "Big Brothers" sent a generous supply of Christmas presents to the small brothers.

GIMBELS

Merry Christmas!

Wherever you may be, may this day of gladness bring happiness to you!

Friends to think of you, and friends for you to think of; the joy of being remembered, and the gratification of having *given*.

Speaking for ourselves, we too, are glad today; because we have been the means of bringing happiness to more people this Christmas than has ever been our privilege before.

We hope that this Christmas, our fourth in New York, has made new friends and strengthened old friendships for this Store—whose watchword has been, and shall always be, "Service"—willingly given, and in increasing measure as its opportunities increase.

We have been fortunate indeed, during this hurrying Christmas season, to possess the whole-hearted, unwavering support of a splendid body of co-workers.

And to all of you faithful five thousand, a Merry Christmas! and our warm thanks for the part that each one of you had in the smooth running of this business.

But Christmas isn't over tonight, by any means! And this shall be a Christmas Store for the pleasure of those who are visitors from out-of-town, for the children who are home from school, and for everyone else who cares to enjoy its hospitality. Notably the Christmas treat—"Fairy-Tale Land," will remain to delight the little folks.

There will be other important things that will make the Store interesting—but of those tomorrow morning; today is a day for the *home*—not for business. And so, again,

A Right Merry Christmas To One and All!

NOTE—The GIMBEL Special Telephone Service will be in operation all day today until 9 P. M. for any inquiries you may wish to make.

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Commencing Friday, December the 26th

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BONWIT TELLER & CO.
Announce, Beginning To-morrow Morning, Their
Annual December Half Price Sale
Women's, Misses' & Girls' Suits, Coats, Dresses
DURING THIS SALE NO GOODS SENT ON APPROVAL

Women's Suits
15.00
Formerly up to 49.50
Of Corduroy, Velveteen, Broadcloth, Diagonal, cut and plain Velour. Some fur trimmed.

Misses' Suits
14.50
Fo merly up to 39.50
Of Velour, Broadcloth, Crepe Cheviot, some fur trimmed. Sizes 14 to 18.

Women's Suits
Formerly 50.00 to 200.00
Of Peau de Peche, Brocade Peau de Peche, Cashmere Velour, Peau de Souris, Duvet Brocade, Chiffon Velvet, Silk Plush, Compose Fabrics, Baby Lamb Cloth, Moire Silk, Faille Silk, Metallic Brocade.
At 1/2 Price

Misses' Suits
Formerly 45.00 to 125.00
Of Velvet, Corduroy, Peau de Peche, Peau de Souris, Duvetyn, Suede Cloth, Broadtail Cloth, Compose Materials, Velour de Laine, Cashmere Velour, Bayadere Cloth.
At 1/2 Price

Women's Coats
14.00
Formerly up to 49.50
Of Chinchilla, Novelty Melange Fabrics and Plush de Laine. Season's smartest models.

Misses' Coats
10.00
Formerly up to 25.00
Of Wool Plush, Cheviot and Novelty Cloth. Majority lined with Peau de Cygne. Sizes 14 to 18.

Women's Coats and Wraps
Formerly 55.00 to 500.00
Of Broche Crepe Silk, Silk Plush, Chiffon Velvet, Duvetyn, Plush de Laine, Velvet Brocades, Silver and Gold Broches, Duvet Brocades, Silk Brocatellas, Metallic Brocades, Beaded Net.
At 1/2 Price

Misses' Dressy Coats and Evening Wraps, 45.00 to 75.00
Of Velveteen, Silk Chiffon Velvet, Corduroy, Chiffon Broadcltoh, Novelty Fabrics, Plush de Laine, Duvetyn, Barre, Bayadere Cloth, Suede Cloth, Peau de Peche.
At 1/2 Price

Women's Afternoon & Evening Gowns
25.00
Formerly up to 55.00
Two or three styles of a kind in Velvet, Crepe Silks, Chiffon, Lace. Many fur trimmed.

Misses' Afternoon & "Danse" Dresses
12.50
Formerly to 32.50
Of Chiffon, Crepe, Taffeta, Lace, Net; also Serge, Broadcloth and Charmeuse. Sizes 14 to 18.

Afternoon & Evening Gowns
Formerly 50.00 to 200.00
Of Silk Chiffon Velvet, Brocade Velvet Chiffon, Striped Velvet Chiffon, Taffeta and Crepe Silk, Charmeuse and Lace, Jetted and Beaded Nets, Net and Crepe Silk, Broches and Brocades, Metallic Brocades, Gold and Silver Broches.
At 1/2 Price

Misses' Evening and "Danse" Frocks, 39.50 to 85.00
Of French Taffeta, Charmeuse and Lace, Meteor and Lace, Chiffon and Net, Bugle Beaded Nets, Shadow Lace, Broche Silk, Compose Materials, Beaded Tunics, Flower Embroidered Nets.
At 1/2 Price

Women's Blouses
5.50
Formerly to 12.50
Of Shadow Lace, Colored Chiffon, Taffeta, Net, Silk Lace, in dark colors.

Little Girls' Coats
3.50
Formerly 9.75
Of Corduroy, Chinchilla, Cheviot, Boucle, in Navy Blue, Brown and Red. Sizes 2 to 5.

Women's Blouses
Formerly 10.00 to 20.00
Of Embroidered Chiffon, Chiffon and Lace, Georgette Crepe Silk, Chantilly Lace and Net, Net Over Chiffon, Embroidered Net, Fur Trimmed Waists.
At 1/2 Price

Girls' Party Dresses
Formerly 8.50 to 25.00
Of Chiffon Cloth, All-Over Lace, Crepe Meteor, Net and Lace, Silk Plaids, In Blue, Pink, Maize, Rose, Hague. Sizes 6 to 14.
At 1/2 Price

Important Sale—Greatly Reduced Prices
Fur Coats and Small Furs

Scarfs		Muffs	Scarfs		Muffs
11.00	Scotch Mole	22.50	16.50	Kit Fox	21.00
7.50	Natural Raccoon	14.50	12.50	Civet Cat	18.50
9.50	Black Fox	16.50	12.50	Skunk	32.50
12.50	Hudson Seal	22.50	19.50	Pointed Fox	22.50

Caracul Coats
38.00
Formerly 75.00
45-inch long model of selected flat curl lustrous skins.

Trim'd Hudson Seal Coats
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45 inches long, of French dyed muskrat skins. Collars of fitch, skunk or ermine.

Trimmed French Seal Coats
Made of dyed coney skin, skunk collars. Formerly 75.00 48.50

Trimmed Caracul Coats
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MITCHEL SWORN IN; DENIES KOENIG ROW

Gives Breakfast to Republican Leader, but No Fat Appointments.

HAS DECIDED UPON FEW

Name of William Williams for Water Commissioner Is Under Advisement.

Mayor-elect John Purroy Mitchel interrupted his conferences with political leaders and job seekers long enough yesterday to be sworn in as the next Mayor of New York City. The ceremony took place before Supreme Court Justice Ford shortly after noon in the Justice's chambers on the thirteenth floor of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building, 51 Chambers Street. Mr. Mitchel hurried up from his office at 55 Liberty Street, pursued by an eager crowd of photographers, and when the proceedings were over he went back to the business of slate-making.

Mr. Mitchel, Borough President George McAneny, who was elected to the Presidency of the Board of Aldermen, and Marcus M. Marks, Borough President-elect of Manhattan, appeared before Justice Goff last Sunday and took the oath of office together. Mr. Mitchel explained yesterday that they were informed that it was necessary for them to be sworn in ten days before taking office, and that they had gone through the ceremony at that time before it was discovered that none of them had received his certificate of election. This omission made their swearing in on Sunday invalid, and the process had to be gone through again.

The selection of a Police Commissioner is still giving Mr. Mitchel considerable trouble. Although he refused to comment yesterday upon the make-up of his slate, it is known that he has not yet decided upon more than two or three of his appointments, and that the Police Commissionership is not included among the number. Unless he is able to get the man for the position he desires, Mr. Mitchel, it was said, intends to keep Mr. Waldo, the present Commissioner, in office. According to Mr. Mitchel's closest advisers, Commissioner Waldo will not remain longer than a month or two at the best after the first of the year. The man the Mayor-elect has in mind for the position, however, may agree to take the office as soon as the new administration begins, and in this event Commissioner Waldo will retire on Jan. 1.

Although both Mr. Mitchel and Samuel S. Koenig, President of the Republican County Committee, denied yesterday that there is any friction between the organization and the Mayor-elect over the question of appointments, it was learned on good authority that the Republican organization has asked for certain offices, and that if they are not forthcoming the organization and Mr Mitchel will be at odds. It was said that Mr. Koenig had asked, in the name of the Republican organization, for either the office of City Chamberlain or that of Corporation Counsel, and that Mr. Mitchel had decided to appoint two personal friends to these positions.

It is know that Mr. Mitchel has been considering appointing his former law partner, George V. Mullan as Corporation Counsel and Henry Bruere, Director of the Bureau of Municipal Reseach, as City Chamberlain, but there are a number of other applicants for both places, and the Mayor-elect has not yet made up his mind on the subject.

"There is no truth in the story that Mr. Mitchel and I have had a row," said Chairman Koenig yesterday.

"Will the Republican organization get the offices it wants?" he was asked.

"Nothing has been settled as yet," was the reply.

Mr. Koenig and Mr. Mitchel had breakfast at Mr. Mitchel's house yesterday and this gave rise to the rumor that the Republican organization was to make the choice of the best offices at the Mayor-elect's disposal. As a matter of fact Mr. Mitchel has not yet decided just what he intends to give the Republicans. There is to be another conference between Mr. Mitchel and Mr. Koenig next Monday.

Mr. Mitchel is seriously considering appointing William Williams, former Commissioner of Immigration, as Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity.

"Mr. Williams is among the men who have held office and who have been prominently mentioned for the position," Mr. Mitchel admitted. "I have taken his appointment under advisement."

Mr. Mitchel said he would hold no conference and would not take any action on the make-up of his slate today.

TELLS OF PRISON ACCOUNTS

Convict Questioned About Blackwell's Island Methods.

George L. Lewis, formerly a prisoner on Blackwell's Island, who is now serving a term in Sing Sing, was brought before Assistant District Attorney Du Vivier yesterday to tell what he knew of the charges that the accounts of the Blackwell's Island institutions were juggled. Lewis acted as a bookkeeper on the island, and his disclosures are said to be of great importance in the investigation which will on Monday take the form of a Grand Jury inquiry.

Mr. Du Vivier obtained three bundles of memoranda relating to Lewis's accounts, which are expected to corroborate his story that he was ordered by officials to make false entries. Lewis was very excited yesterday, and, consequently, his interview with Mr. Du Vivier was made short. He was taken to the Tombs and will remain there the rest of the week, holding other conferences with the investigators.

Mr. Du Vivier learned yesterday of another case of a man who was sent to the "ice box," a light-proof cell, without apparent cause. This man worked in the broom factory and was reproved because the bolts on the brooms he made were not tight. It is charged that the bolts were loosened by another keeper who bore him a grudge. He was obliged to stay in the cooler forty-eight hours, it is said.

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Extraordinary Reductions in All Departments

Women's and Misses' Suits—*To Be Closed Out*

260 tailored and semi-dress suits, in fashionable models and materials. *Reduced from 35.00 and 40.00* **18.00**

120 high-grade suits, of broadcloth, faille de laine and imported novelty fabrics. *Reduced from 45.00 and 50.00* **22.50**

Women's and Misses' Coats and Wraps

140 coats of boucle, chinchilla, velour cheviot and wool plush; some fur-trimmed. *Reduced from 25.00 and 30.00* **15.00**

115 coats of bayadere cloth, Persian cloth, seal plush and broadcloth; silk-lined. *Reduced from 32.50 and 39.75* **18.00**

75 evening wraps of brocaded velvet, chiffon velvet, plush and satin brocade. *Reduced from 60.00 to 85.00* **35.00**

Afternoon Dresses and Evening Gowns

165 dresses of charmeuse, crepe, velvet and serge, in attractive models. *Reduced from 30.00 and 35.00* **15.00**

65 evening gowns in fashionable models, made of the materials now in vogue. *Heretofore 65.00 to 95.00* **35.00**

Fur Coats and Sets—*At Closing Out Prices*

Caracul Coats	*Reduced from 65.00*	39.50
French Seal Coats	*Reduced from 75.00*	48.00
Hudson Seal Coats	*Reduced from 125.00*	85.00
Australian Seal Coats	*Reduced from 95.00*	68.00
Black Skunk Scarfs	*Reduced from 22.50*	15.00
Black Skunk Muffs	*Reduced from 30.00*	20.00
Pointed Wolf Scarfs	*Reduced from 15.00*	10.00
Pointed Wolf Muffs	*Reduced from 18.00*	12.50
New Chinchilla Squirrel Scarfs	*Reduced from 32.50*	20.00
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Girls' Coats	Sizes 4 to 8	*Reduced from 10.50*	6.90
Girls' Coats	Sizes 10 to 16	*Reduced from 16.50*	9.50
Girls' Coats	Sizes 10 to 16	*Reduced from 27.50*	13.75

Boys' Suits and Overcoats—*To Be Closed Out*

Boys' Overcoats	Sizes 2½ to 10	*Reduced from 9.75*	4.75
Boys' Overcoats	Sizes 8 to 18	*Reduced from 15.00*	8.75
Boys' Norfolk Suits	Sizes 8 to 17	*Reduced from 7.50*	3.95
Extra Trouser Suits	Sizes 8 to 17	*Reduced from 8.95*	5.00

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Fur Collar Seal Plush Coats

Former Price $45.00

Smart, stylish coats, suitable for present wear; silk lined throughout; a very unusual bargain. **20.00**

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Also Suits Trimmed with Seal & Skunk Opossum

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New draped model, selected foreign dyed skins, trimmed with Fitch, Leopard, Mole, Civet and Chinchilla Squirrel. **44.50**

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Mrs. Diamond Leaves Her Estate to Charitable Institutions.

The will of Mrs. Annie Diamond, who died on Dec. 8, filed for probate yesterday in the Surrogates' office, after making bequests of several thousand dollars to charitable institutions, contained this clause in explanation of the cutting off of her husband, Max Diamond:

"The reason I do not make any provision in this, my will, for my husband, Max Diamond, is because of the ill-treatment I have received from him, and because of the brutal treatment I have suffered from his sons, which he took no steps to prevent and refused to correct."

To-morrow (Friday), Dec. 26th, and until further notice, the Store will be opened daily at 9 A. M.

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Women's Winter Coats and Wraps
(sizes incomplete)
at extraordinarily large price reductions.

The following will be offered to-morrow (Friday) and Saturday, in order to effect an immediate clearance:

Coats of desirable woolens and fancy materials, some trimmed with fur; originally $22.00 to 200.00,
at $10.00, 14.50, 25.00, 38.00 50.00 & 75.00

Wraps for afternoon and evening; originally $45.00 to 225.00,
at $25.00, 32.00, 50.00 & 75.00

Large Reductions have been made in the prices of Misses' and Small Women's Tailor-made Suits, Afternoon and Evening Dresses, Coats, Wraps, etc.; also Girls' School Frocks and Coats.

Women's Button Boots
(sizes incomplete), comprising all lines about to be discontinued and including a great variety of styles, will be placed on sale to-morrow (Friday), and Saturday, in the Shoe Department on the Second Floor, at per pair $3.50
(Heretofore sold in the regular stock at $5.00 to 8.00)

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Fownes Tan Cape & Gray Mocha Gloves — Formerly $1.50 to $2.00 — 95c

Pajamas — Plain colors. Value $1.50 — 95c

Soisette Cloth Pajamas — Plain colors, and fancy brode cloth. Values $2.00 and $2.50 — $1.35

Underwear — I. & R. Morley and other standard makes—discontinued styles—formerly $4.00 to $5.00 — $1.95

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At Less Than Half Price
The Entire Stock of
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Of double texture coatings and double texture silk canton; two distinct models; regular set-in sleeve or kimono
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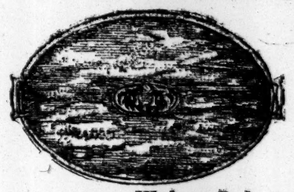

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$650.00 Suite (6 pieces) $400.00
$3,500.00 Suite (10 pieces) $1,500.00

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$75.00 Parlor Sofa, brown panne plush $39.50
$75.00 Virginia Sofa, denim $45.00
$45.00 Denim Chairs or Rockers $20.00
$150.00 Mahogany Living-Room Suite, mahogany frames (2 pieces) $100.00
$75.00 Divans, solid mahogany frames, tapestry covers $50.00
$70.00 Sheraton Parlor Suite, mahogany frames $35.00
$200.00 Leather Library Suites $125.00

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$875.00 Sheraton Suite (6 pieces) $500.00
$2,100.00 Sheraton Suite (12 pieces) $850.00
$1,945.00 Chinese Chippendale Suite (10 pieces) $775.00
$650.00 Jacobean Suite (10 pieces) $400.00
$255.00 Jacobean Suite (3 pieces) $175.00
$675.00 Adam Suite (10 pieces) $400.00
$65.00 Mahogany Dining Table, slightly damaged $32.50
$375.00 Sheraton Suite (10 pieces) $250.00
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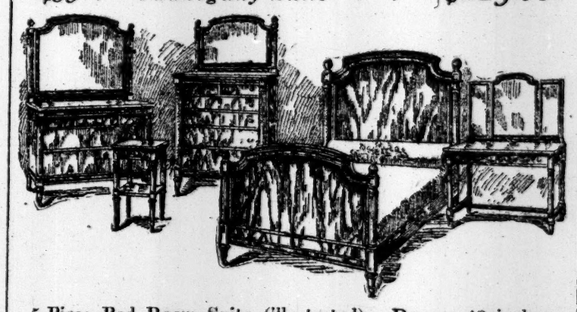

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$1.95 and $2.65

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All Styles and Leathers

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$65.00 to $85.00—Values $115.00 to $165.00
Royal Kishan Persian Rugs
$165.00—Value $250.00
Fine Kirmanshah Rugs
$75.00 to $95.00—Values $115.00 to $140.00
Daghestan & Cabistan Rugs
$35.00, $45.00, $50.00 and $55.00
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Value $75.00 ..... $59.50
Value $125.00 ..... $82.50

Seal-dyed Muskrat Coats
Value $150.00 ..... $115.00
Value $185.00 ..... $145.00

Matched Fur Sets

Black Fox	Muffs,	$19.50;	Scarfs,	$16.50
Natural Raccoon	"	$17.50;	"	$14.50
Black Raccoon	"	$15.00;	"	$12.50
Skunk	"	$29.50;	"	$20.00
Seal-dyed Muskrat	"	$26.50;	"	$21.50
Silver Kitt Fox	"	$28.50;	"	$17.50
Black Wolf	"	$14.50;	"	$12.50

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AN IMPORTANT OMISSION.

The tributes President WILSON pays to Chairman GLASS and Chairman OWEN are deserved. With zeal and unsparing labor they have for months devoted themselves to the work of preparing, amending, and carrying to enactment the banking and currency bill. The people of the country will not be less just, not less generous, than the President in recognizing the value of their labors.

But it is remarkable that Mr. WILSON, in apportioning credit for this achievement, should have passed over quite without notice the great and continuing force of public opinion, directly exerted upon the minds of the legislators at every stage of the bill's progress. Surely there is glory enough for all, and it is not to either Chairman, not to the Democratic Party alone, not to Congress itself that the entire credit should be awarded. It has seemed to us that the enactment of this measure in the form in which it received the President's assent is one of the most striking proofs in our recent history of the efficiency of representative institutions. Had this been an English statute, shaped, altered, and perfected in this way, we are sure that the story would have had the honor of a chapter in Mr. DICEY'S book, "Law and Public Opinion in England."

The President cannot for one moment imagine that this bill would have been what it is had the public let Congress alone to put in or leave out at its own will and pleasure what seemed good or unacceptable. Bankers of great experience put their knowledge at the service of the Senate Committee and of Congress; experts in banking and finance offered their criticisms and their suggestions; many associations of bankers and chambers of commerce adopted resolutions, and in some cases presented full summaries of what the bill should contain; the press discussed the bill from day to day, pointed out defects, urging amendments. By these voices of experience and through all these organs of public opinion a complete body of principles, sound banking principles, was put before Congress, emphatic protests were made against provisions not in accord therewith, and recommendations and changes were pressed with force, with patience, with iteration, and with success. Surveying the process from introduction to enactment, the result was a fundamental transformation of the bill. But for the continuing, powerful, and effective influence of public opinion, we can hardly doubt that the measure would have been so faulty that its acceptance by the banks would have been exceedingly doubtful, its success improbable.

The President says that he has "been surprised at the sudden acceptance of this measure by public opinion everywhere"; that "it seems as if it had suddenly become obvious to men who had looked at it with too critical an eye that it was really meant in their interest. They have opened their eyes to see a bill which they had supposed to be hostile to be friendly and serviceable." There was nothing sudden, nothing surprising in the acceptance by public opinion of a project of law which public opinion had made acceptable. Opposition to the bill ceased when Congress yielded to admonition and remonstrance so far as to put it in safe and workable shape. Again, it is astonishing to find the President speaking of this measure as one "which furnishes the machinery for free and elastic, uncontrolled credits put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years." Could the merchants and manufacturers of this country have brought its trade and its industries to their present stage of development if credits had been rigid and "controlled," against them? We have complained that our currency is inelastic because it has the artificial basis of bonds, the outstanding volume of which has no relation to business conditions. It has been quite otherwise with credit. If the President was moved by a desire to get into his brief address some allusion to the "money trust," that would explain, but hardly excuse, his singular observation about credit.

The President is right in his assumption that the bill has been accepted as workable. There is hardly any doubt that the national banks will become member banks in the new system. If there be any reservation in the minds of bankers it will relate chiefly, we suppose, to the make-up of the Federal Reserve Board. The powers of the board will be very great, its control over the business of reserve and member banks will under many provisions of the bill be very direct. The naming of the appointees, therefore, will be awaited with deep interest, not unmixed perhaps with anxiety. Current discussion of a certain appointment to the important office of Controller of the Treasury, who will ex-officio be a member of the Reserve Board, an appointment which in Washington has been considered probable, has certainly not diminished this anxiety. Criticism based upon grounds of fitness and propriety has been heard in many quarters, and its grounds have seemed to be reasonable. Nothing would go further to confirm the favorable first-hand impressions of the act and to bring within its scope a very great number of the banks in the country than the appointment by the President to the Reserve Board of men whose fitness would be at once and everywhere recognized.

RIGHTING A WRONG.

It is extremely gratifying that Mr. ADAMSON of Georgia, Chairman of the Foreign Commerce Committee in the House of Representatives, should have introduced a resolution for the practical adjustment of controversy over the exemption of American coastwise vessels from tolls on the Panama Canal. The proposal is somewhat complicated in form, but is simple enough in effect.

It provides that at any time after two years from the opening of the canal, if the President certifies that all expenses of the canal can be paid without collecting tolls from American coastwise vessels, and that all diplomatic questions arising in connection with exemption have been adjusted, then the exemption shall go into effect. Until such certification, the exemption shall be suspended. We should have much preferred the complete repeal of the exemption, not only because we regard the exemption as plainly contrary to treaty obligations, but also because the exemption is intended as a favor to a monopoly which already enjoys undue privileges. And we object to the terms of this resolution as leaving the question in a certain degree open to future resurrection at the discretion of some other President than Mr. WILSON. But we concede that the latter objection is rather theoretical, and need not receive much consideration. The essential point in the whole matter, the one that overtops all others, is the loyalty of our Government to its promises. Under this resolution, the exemption cannot go into effect until the parties to the treaties affecting the matter are satisfied. We need not construe our promises more strictly than do those to whom they are made.

It is a fair inference that the policy thus formulated by Chairman ADAMSON has the approval of the President, and The London Times takes that view. If this be the case, we may expect that the resolution will be adopted by Congress. Nothing, unless it be plain repeal, would do more to re-establish the good name of our Government, which, it is not to be denied, suffered from the action of Congress, from that of President TAFT in the premises, and from the tortuous course of the State Department in connection with it. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

THE WORLD'S CHRISTM .S GIFT.

The prospect of peace in comparison with a twelvemonth ago is incomparably better, and is the most welcome blessing afforded to the peoples of the world at this Christmas season. A year ago a little war lay behind, and a big war lay ahead. The Balkan hostilities cost 348,000 casualties, and £245,800,000. It is an appalling bill for five small peoples to pay, and it is a mistake to imagine that their losses will not be felt to the uttermost corners of the earth. There is no money market which will not have to contribute its share, and the withdrawal of a million men from industry has affected the prices of foodstuffs and goods wherever produced.

It is a gloomy retrospect, but a happy augury, for those who financed that war have incapacitated themselves for fighting each other. France and Germany each undertook to raise over a quarter billion dollars for war preparations, and each of them is in trouble over it. The French Government has lost office on this question, and the German Government got the funds only by a capital tax, an admission that a tax on income would not meet the necessities. In England the burden of armaments is putting the country to a choice between the abandonment of them or of the social justice expenditures which are the backbone of the present Government's policy. The approaching British budget will be double the budget when the Liberals came into power in 1905. The army will cost a trifle less, but the navy, which cost $15,000,000 more in 1913 than in 1905, will cost $25,000,000 more in 1914. But the exchequer issues for pensions, industrial insurance, labor exchanges, and such benevolences have risen from $230,000,000 in 1905 to $400,000,000 in 1913 and will be larger in the forthcoming budget.

These expenditures cannot be endured. That is the significance of the quotation of the credit of the nations named at daily lower prices. The preparations for Armageddon are such that Armageddon is impossible, or nearly so. There are billions which have been spent which must be borrowed until earned, and the borrowing is a blessed embarrassment, not in the least disguised. Still, it has been said that no war was ever prevented by inability to borrow, and the financial tangles are not the best security for the world's peace. That security rests upon the temper of the peoples who are feeling the burdens as never before, and who are disillusioned so completely that their votes cannot be commanded in the name of patriotism, or contrary to their own best interests. The significance is that just as dynastic wars have stopped, so wars between enlightened peoples will cease, perhaps have ceased. Premiers who are dubiously in control of popular majorities are in no position to approach embarrassed financiers, who must sell their issues to the same masters of both Premiers and bankers. Blood lust and racial hate may inspire undeveloped peoples to causeless and useless wars, but education and publicity are doing their perfect work among civilized and commercial nations. Only a few months ago the Government of France was sending ammunition trains to the border. But now that ministry has lost power, and the German enemy is showing a better sentiment regarding the captured provinces, with signs that the Chancellor may follow the Premier into retirement. It is a pure delight to think of these things on this day of all days in the year. The battle against war has been so nearly won, not in the Palace of Peace, but in the cottages of the taxpayers who furnish the soldiers, and who have struck with a zeal worthy of the cause, and with a unanimity among the nations which is memorable.

THE CITY CIVIL SERVICE.

We have no desire unduly to influence the mind of Mayor MITCHEL in regard to any of his appointments, but we deem it proper to say that the non-partisan movement among business men in favor of the retention of the present Civil Service City Commission is, in our judgment, well founded. Mr. MITCHEL is having his own troubles with the applicants for place, who argue that support of him at the polls deserves "recognition." He must know that such pleas are essentially those of the old spoils system, and that this will exert its subtle and baleful influence at every point in the vast civil service of the city. The strongest bulwark against it is the Civil Service Commission, which can defend the subordinate service.

To do so successfully demands ability, honesty, experience, and courage. These the present commission have shown that they possess in a remarkable degree. They have had a tough time of it in many ways. They have succeeded in impressing not only the decent citizens who know their work, but the politicians as well, with their firmness and fidelity and with their capacity to deal practically with their complex duties. They have won the cordial respect and confidence of the Civil Service Reform Association, than whom there could not be severer or better-informed critics. We are convinced that the retention of the commission would be in itself a signal act of conformity to the principle of the merit system.

THE POST OFFICE SURPLUS.

Once more the Post Office reports itself as self-sustaining, and claims a surplus on its audited accounts of $3,841,906. The Postmaster General is entitled to credit for his moderation and candor. He frankly says that his predecessors have been accustomed to state their income and expenses on the basis of the audited accounts alone. As all accounts are not audited within the year it follows that the Post Office accounts have not been accurate for any year thus calculated, there being overlappings of both debits and credits. One year would include payments for previous years, and would leave unpaid accounts for later years. This year the account includes $8,389,435 paid on account of previous years, and an estimate of $8,712,722 of outstanding obligations. Just what they are it is not possible to say.

Obviously the debit cannot include the estimated $15,000,000 of unpaid bills for the carriage of the mails, including postal parcels. Just as the capital cost of the British Government-owned telegraphs is borne as part of the consolidated debt charge, so the cost of rent, heat, and light is not charged to the Post Office. On the other hand, the Post Office takes no credit for the services it performs for nothing. The Postmaster General says that at existing rates there is a practical subsidy of $50,000,000 on second-class matter. Some uncertain millions of cost are due to the franking privilege, which, in turn, leads to millions of unnecessary printing, which would not be done if it could not be circulated for nothing.

Such accounting is not a farce. It is an invitation to a tragedy. It is now proposed to spend large sums on operation of Government telegraphs and telephones, on a scale sufficient to embarrass private operation, but without supplying complete Government service. This is a flea bite compared with the demand for Government operation of railways, because regulation has not done what was expected. Some twenty billions would be necessary because of the failure to realize promises made of results under regulation. Even the Postmaster General is misled by his enthusiasm for Governmental beneficence. He says:

> In view of the increase of postal revenues due to the operation of the postal parcel system it was determined shortly after the close of the fiscal year to give to the people the benefit of this earning power in the form of reduced rates.

How does the Postmaster General know what the earning power is? He has not paid the costs, and he has ordered that the accounts should be mingled in such manner that he cannot know either his costs or profits. Plain speaking is necessary when such ideas are proposed as those now fashionable at the Capitol.

THE BALKAN SETTLEMENT.

In the confusion of opinions as to the immediate future of the Balkan States, most of them pessimistic, it is refreshing to come across a review of the situation by a competent student who sees at least a settlement that is likely to last for this generation. Such a review is given in the current number of The Political Science Quarterly, edited by the Faculty of Political Science of Columbia University for the Academy of Political Science in the City of New York, an admirable periodical in an important field. The author of the review is Prof. STEPHEN P. DUGGAN, of the College of the City of New York, and is the second on the Balkan situation.

Prof. DUGGAN analyzes carefully the course of events during the past year, since the opening of the Peace Conference of December, 1912—the renewal of the war between the Allies and Turkey, the successes of the former, the intervention of Austria as to Albania, with the support of Italy; the quarrel of the Allies, the entrance of Rumania upon the stage of action, the vaulting ambition of Bulgaria, the crushing defeat of that power, and the adjustment that was finally brought about. The following passage sums up the main features of the situation in a very satisfactory manner:

> The settlement of the Balkans will probably last for at least a generation, not because all the parties to the settlement are content, but because it will take at least a generation for the dissatisfied States to recuperate. Bulgaria is in far worse condition than she was before the war with Turkey. The second Balkan war, caused by her policy of greed and arrogance, destroyed 100,000 of the flower of her manhood, lost her all of Macedonia and Eastern Thrace, and increased her expenses enormously. Her total gains, whether from Turkey or from her former allies, were but eighty miles of seaboard on the Aegean, with a Thracian hinterland woefully depopulated. Even railway communication with her one new port of Dédéagatch has been denied her. Bulgaria is in despair, but full of hate. However, with a reduced population and a bankrupt treasury, she will need many years to recuperate before she can hope to upset the new arrangement. And it will be hard even to attempt that; for the status quo is founded upon the principle of a balance of power in the Balkan peninsula; and Rumania has definitely announced herself as a Balkan power. Servia, and more particularly Greece, have made acquisitions beyond their wildest dreams at the beginning of the war and have now become strong adherents of the policy of equilibrium.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Considers His Pay Too Large.

So unusual—so almost unhuman—is it for anybody to admit that his salary is too high or to oppose its elevation that every instance of such admission or opposition rises to the dignity of an "event," becomes news, and is the subject of comment. Last to win the tribute of astonishment in one of these ways is the Lord Chancellor of England, who draws for his services to the British public the decidedly comfortable wage of £10,000 a year, and will retire, when the time comes, on an annual pension of half that sum.

In testifying recently before the Royal Commission which is investigating the subject of the law's delays, that ancient grievance in Great Britain as elsewhere, Lord HALDANE expressed the opinion—seemingly irrelevant to the question at issue—that no servant of the public really earned more than £5,000 a year. When some ready-witted humorist on the commission asked if his limitation would include the Lord Chancellor, he answered, as of course he had to answer after what he had said, that it did.

It is not recorded that Lord HALDANE announced the intention of trying to get his salary reduced or of returning any of the money he thinks unearned. Apparently his contention, therefore, was purely academic, and doubtless it was taken so.

Of course, people who are not getting one of the notably big salaries have often said that they couldn't be earned by anybody. The truth of that statement, however, would seem to depend largely, perhaps wholly, on whether desired competency of any sort could be obtained for less, and certainly the results produced by the work of some of the men with big salaries are such as fully to warrant paying them even more than they get. In public as in private business it is not extent of expenditure that counts, but its relation to product or income.

Lord HALDANE'S academic opinion is hardly as interesting as was the recent refusal by our Mr. MCANENY to let the salary of the position to which he has been elected be raised from its present figure—which everybody knows to be inadequate. His reasons—that it would embarrass him in acting on other applications for increased pay, and that it would by indirection violate a tacit agreement with the voters who elected him—showed delicacy and scrupulousness of the highest sort, and almost unknown in politics.

In considering the proper pay for a given position account must be taken not only of the services it requires but of the expenses it imposes. In some cases these are very great.

Association Divided Dangerously.

In the common habit of presenting to somebody particularly interested in the passage of an important bill the pen with which was written the signature that made it law there is nothing at all mysterious. At any rate, the impulse to value and the desire to possess such pens are as easily explicable as is the common human liking for and interest in many things of little or no intrinsic worth, but precious because of what are called associations. These are what inspire the collector's ardor, when it is not mere rarity, and of the two, associations provide for collecting a far more intelligent and reasonable excuse than does rarity. Indeed, the latter, in itself, one is tempted to say, provides no excuse at all, and, when used as one, warrants the suspicion of something very much like insanity.

But the habit of preserving the pens put to notable uses is doomed should many imitate the proceedings of President WILSON in signing the Currency bill. For, in writing his name on that variously regarded, but certainly important, document the President used four pens, not one, and the four he distributed among the statesmen who have been most active and efficient in bringing the bill to the Presidential desk.

The result of that is, not that one judiciously selected man has the pen with which the bill was signed, but that none has it, since of none of the four pens can it truthfully be said that "with this pen was written the signature that made the great change in our banking system."

In other words, the "association" was rather dissipated than divided—as has happened with many another "relic" of which too many embodiments exist.

The use of four pens was hardly a "reduction to absurdity," but it was along that line and in that direction. The absurdity will be reached long before a separate pen is used for making each letter in some momentous subscription, and that is seemingly the logical outcome of this "inflation."

Interesting But a Disappointment.

There is no denying that Mr. BRIDGES'S queer Christmas poem has, besides the queerness due to its archaic form and construction, more than a little of interest and charm. Whoever reads it aloud—and skillfully—will be struck and even impressed by the musical effect of its recurring alliterations and measured pauses. As a feat of imitation the verses are certainly successful—for us. Whether they would be called so by the poets who wrote that way because it was the way of their time and race is another and probably not very important question, if for no other reason than because there is no chance of getting their opinion and nobody else can really know.

As a literary oddity the poem is all right. One wonders, however, why a laureate should devote even a little of his time and presumably talents to the production of—well, call them curios. One should hasten to admit that he might do, and that some laureates have done, worse. But that some have done better is also true, and we all had rather high expectations when we heard of Mr. BRIDGES'S selection to succeed the amiable and estimable Mr. AUSTIN.

These expectations will not be met with echoings of a remote past.

Discrediting Kindly Explanation.

If the heroine of the Monticello romance continues much longer her appeals for poison that she knows perfectly well will not be granted she will deprive herself of the belief in her mental quality which is necessary for crediting her and the man for whom she sacrificed so much with the dignity that invariably goes with a really "grand passion."

That the woman should want to follow the dead man wherever he has gone is, indeed, "in character" with the charitable theory of what they did, but there is nothing great or strong, or even sincere, in these silly clamors.

People who really want to commit suicide rarely talk about it, and never do they ask for aid in the accomplishment of a purpose which everybody is competent to attain without help.

COLUMBIA'S GOOD OARSMEN.

"Alumnus" Rebuked for Aspersions on College Crews.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The first time with surprise and a second time with disgust I have read a letter in THE TIMES signed "Columbia Alumnus," saying, among other things, that Crew Coach "Rice is too good a man to be wasted on Columbia."

I am also an alumnus of Columbia, and I cannot comprehend how any self-respecting graduate of old Columbia could so frame his words as to cast slimy mud at his own Alma Mater. Needless to say, this self-styled "alumnus" can know very little about rowing methods and coaches, because no one who reads Walter Peet's description of the various crews before last season's race can deny that Columbia has given Coach Rice material as good as that of any college, and I can testify to the fact that "Columbia spirit" is not lacking either in graduates or undergraduates.

Lest "Columbia Alumnus" be tempted to make a silly reply, I want to remind him that I am entitled to speak with authority on rowing matters, and especially on coaching, as I have personally coached more winning crews than, perhaps, any other amateur in this country. I can show "Columbia Alumnus," who disgraces the name of Alumnus, over thirty gold medals, cups, and prizes of various kinds, to prove that the crews that I coached and steered as coxswain did really win.

If Columbia had a few less "alumni" of his kind the Columbia spirit would not have to contend against such odds.

E. C. DE VILLAVERDE.
New York, Dec. 23, 1913.

The Duration of the Earth.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The little statement about the future duration of the earth, quoted from a lecture which I gave a few days ago, was by no means new, and by no means original with me. It will be found explained in many books on astronomy, but I also pointed out that this estimate is based on the supposition that all of the energy emitted by the sun is derived from its energy of contraction. If, as seems probable, much of the energy is of an atomic nature, the past and future duration will be almost indefinitely greater than the older computations indicate, and this is in accordance with the requirements of geologists. ERIC DOOLITTLE,
Director, Flower Astronomical Observatory, University of Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 21, 1913.

English Telegraph Service.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Your correspondent, "R. P. G.," in this day's issue states that the English telegraph service is poor in comparison with ours. My experience is that it outshines ours as the sun does the moon. On landing at Plymouth last July I wired the fact to two sets of friends 200 miles apart, at a cost of 1 cent per word. Those messages were received at my friends' homes within one hour from my dispatch. We have nothing like that here.
New York, Dec. 23, 1913. BRONXITE.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.

Their Use As Adornments Deprecated as Vulgar.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

There has recently been some discussion in your columns on the merits of American horticulture as compared with European horticulture, in which I endeavored to uphold our developing superiority in that direction as compared with it abroad. There is, however, an existing condition in this country to which I want to direct attention, that I will not defend, nor is it upheld by any one possessing the slightest appreciation of living flowers and plants.

I refer to what has become a fashion among a class of "well dressers," who indulge in the substitution of the artificial for the real. Imitation jewelry is rightly regarded as suited only for the vulgar and so, may I ask, should a person adorning himself with artificial flowers be regarded as any more genteel than those who parade with cheap "jewels"? Artificial flowers or plants may serve their purpose as decorations for gaudy displays, but they should never be found on the person or in the home, or elsewhere, where people of refined sensibility congregate.

In one of the leading churches of New York City the ushers wear artificial flowers; this habit in all probability may be found to be the case in other churches. Flowers were among the first of God's creations and through the ages they have served to cheer the heart and lessen the sorrow of mankind, but today, where we should seek to find sham eliminated and the real manifested, we find the finest of all of the Creator's handiwork imitated.

Thoughtlessness is undoubtedly in many instances the chief cause of the adoption of what may be termed this false custom, although economy is the plea of many of the offenders. Manufacturers have not missed their opportunity to exploit the "advantages" of artificial flowers and their "everlasting" qualities, &c., and they have been successful in creating a fad for them. But where are our florists? If they spoke directly and forcefully they could soon put to ridicule the practice of substituting artificial, or imitation, for the real flowers.

M. C. EBEL,
Secretary National Association of Gardeners.
Madison, N. J., Dec. 23, 1913.

"ATTACKS" ON BUSINESS

Have Hurt Only Those Who Use Dishonest Methods.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I was much interested in the letter of Herbert A. Scheftel on the movement to "unionize" security holders in corporations for the protection of their interests.

The poor stockholders are certainly entitled to sympathy. During the good old days, when the officers and Directors were plundering them and the public at large, they were quite content to sit back and clip their interest coupons and collect their dividends "earned" by ways and means that should have populated the jails with the men they selected to do the work. They were content to be receivers in many cases of unlawful gains so long as their share was satisfactory. Now that the tide has turned and the squeezed lemons are being thrown into their faces by their own servants they combine for protection—against whom? Against their servants who robbed them? Yes—but only incidentally.

The main attack is to be on the "political demagogues," who, as far as I have been able to learn, have been guilty of the heinous crime of doing that which the stockholders should have done long ago but were, according to Mr. Scheftel's own admission, too "apathetic" to do. If the officers and Directors of corporations "are now beginning to realize that they do not represent themselves, but the real owners, the stockholders," it is not due to any action of the stockholders, but drastic action by "political demagogues" representing the people.

There is much loose talk of interference with and attacks on business by legislators, politicians, and "political demagogues," but I defy Mr. Scheftel to name a single authentic case of a corporation conducting its business wisely, honestly, and lawfully bankrupted by this sort of "interference." On the other hand, any one who has given the matter a little study can name scores that have gone to the wall through the dishonest practices of their officers and Directors, and the stockholders can thank their lucky stars that they have escaped financial responsibility where loss has been suffered by creditors and the general public, as is often the case. J. A.

New York, Dec. 16, 1913.

DANGEROUS AIR GUNS.

Children Should Not Be Permitted to Play with Them.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Regarding the letter on "Dangerous Toy Guns" by one of your readers, I fully agree that it is time that steps should be taken to overcome this. It will be well for the parents of boys to profit by the timely warning about these air rifles, particularly at this time of the year, when presents are made to children of this dangerous toy.

A Sullivan law exists against the possession of firearms of any kind. It would be well if this law were extended and included air rifles, as an air rifle in the hands of a boy is a very dangerous weapon.

My specialty is that of making and fitting artificial eyes, and in the course of my twenty years' experience I have handled seventy-five cases annually where eyes have been lost through the reckless handling of air rifles, and usually it is the innocent ones who pay the penalty.

Cannot this matter be taken up seriously, so that parents may co-operate in the movement against the sale of air rifles?

PIERRE GOUGELMANN.
New York, Dec. 22, 1913.

Ommiscience of "The People."

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Temerity seems to be the watchword with some folks, and being a Bishop is no proof nor guarantee of a lack in that respect. Here we have the Right Rev. Warren Candler, Methodist Bishop of Atlanta, actually declaring that some things are not subject to popular vote, and that Americans are gone plum daft on submitting things to "the people" and a plebiscite by them.

His Grace of Atlanta says this, too, at a time when through recall, referendum, and initiative "the people" have been persuaded by various uplifters, regenerators, saviors, improvers, &c., that their verdict at any given moment is final on any question. No question of finance, law, labor, railroad management, Government ownership, nothing at all, shout these demagogues, is beyond the powers of all "the people" or too hard for their mental processes to grasp and solve.

ROBERT P. GREEN.
New York, Dec. 23, 1913.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas! Herald winds of Heaven
Waft the message, ever new,
Of a brother-love unmeasured
Reaching out to me—and you.

Not alone to lord and lady,
But to each, however low,
Christmas brings its benediction,
Evergreen and mistletoe.

Christmas! and the Thought for Others
Sweeps our selfishness away—
Gracious deeds of love and kindness
Spread the spirit of the day.

Open wide your soul to sense it
And become yourself a part
Of the worldwide throb of Christmas
In Humanity's great heart.

WILLIAM LORD REED.

SERVICE BOARD TO BUY.

Larger Contracts for Subway Materials to be Let Soon.

For the first time in its history the Public Service Commission is about to go into the open market to buy steel rails, ties, ballast, and other things necessary for the equipment of the tracks of the new subways and elevated railways. Heretofore the city has let contracts for this work, and one contractor has both furnished the supplies and laid them in place.

Now, however, there is such an immense quantity of these materials to be provided that it has seemed wiser to the commission to purchase them direct from the manufacturers and to let contracts merely for placing them in position.

It is estimated that there will be 324 miles of single track in the new dual system lines, of which the city-owned lines will take 260 miles. As the specifications call for steel rails weighing 100 pounds to the yard it is calculated that the 520 miles of single rails at 100 pounds a yard will weigh 45,760 tons. This, it was reckoned yesterday, is the equivalent of all the steel used in the present elevated railroads of the city, and about twice as much as was built into the Woolworth Building. To this vast quantity, however, must be added the rails needed for sidings, and these will increase the total greatly.

It is probable that separate contracts will be advertised for the materials for each line as it approaches completion. Thus the first will probably call for rails for the Fourth Avenue Subway, Brooklyn, and the next may be for the Steinway Tunnel, the reconstruction of which is soon to be begun. The contracts, like those for construction, will be on the unit price basis, and will call for bids for open hearth rails, manganese rails, tie plates, cut spikes, screw spikes, rail braces, and so on. Each of these articles will be minutely described in the specifications, which will be made part of the contracts.

EUGENIC TEST FOR ALIENS.

Prof. Ward of Harvard Urges Its Application at American Ports.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In the first of a series of scientific bulletins issued under the auspices of the National Geographic Society publicity was given tonight to a letter from Prof. Robert de Courcy Ward, Professor of Climatology in Harvard University, urging the application of the principles of eugenics to the American immigration problem.

Among other things Prof. Ward asserts in his letter to the Director of the Geographic Society:

"Our present laws aim to exclude some twenty-one classes of mentally, physically, morally, and economically undesirable aliens. On paper the list of the excluded classes is long and formidable and seems more than sufficient to accomplish our eugenic purposes; but the fact is that careful and unprejudiced students of immigration agree that these laws do not keep out the unfit so as to preserve the status quo, to say nothing of promoting eugenic improvement.

"We would insist that each alien, on landing here, should undergo a very thorough mental and physical examination at the hands of our Public Health and Marine Hospital Service physicians. These examinations would involve the stripping to the skin of each alien, the usual physical examinations for physical defects, mental tests, tests for contagious diseases, and similar precautions.

"It is nothing short of a crime to admit people, as often happens in a rush season, at the rate of 3,000, 4,000 or 5,000 a day at Ellis Island. We ought largely to increase the number of surgeons detailed for this work, and should enlarge the accommodations at some of our immigration stations."

MURRAY DENIES HOSTILITY.

Expresses Irritation, However, Over Lost Pearson Oil Contracts.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Americans have set up powerful competition against the English in the race for South American business, said Lord Murray of Elibank here to-day on his way from Colombia, Ecuador, and Costa Rica. Such competition was to be expected, said Lord Murray, and he regarded it as the legitimate procedure of rival business men.

"What I do object to," he said, "is the report that has gained more or less currency that the Pearsons are too hostile to American interests as a whole. That is not true. We have extensive business associations in the United States.

"If, however, in countries like Ecuador and Colombia, where no petroleum in commercial quantities has been known to exist, we are subject to belated competition after we have signed contracts following several months of negotiations for the scientific and systematic exploration of the country at great expense, our American friends must not be surprised if we have regard for the safeguarding of our own interests; or if, looking at the irritation expressed in some of the American papers, the public in England feels that there is a sentiment on this side of the water to exclude all European activities from all countries within the sphere of the Canal Zone."

REVIVES FRONTIER TRAGEDY

Suit May Reveal Secret of Mountain Meadow Massacre.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The story of the famous Mountain Meadow massacre in 1857, which has never been told to general satisfaction, may be told in the Supreme Court of the United States when the appeal from the Court of Claims of Mrs. Malinda Thurston, daughter of William Cameron, one of the victims of the tragedy, comes up for final disposition. The Indian Depredations act required claims for damages to be filed prior to 1891. Mrs. Thurston did so, but at first named only Mormons as defendants. When she corrected her complaint so as to include Indians the time set by the statute had passed, and the Court of Claims refused to hear the suit.

Mrs. Thurston's claim for $9,500 is said to be the value of livestock and other property destroyed or stolen.

WIDOW'S $225,000 UNPAID.

Asks for Citations to Dr. Morris Loeb's Executors.

Mrs. Edna K. Loeb, widow of Dr. Morris Loeb, the scientist and philanthropist, who died on Oct. 8, 1912, has filed an application in the Surrogates' Court for the issuance of citations to the other executors of Dr. Loeb's will, besides herself, to appear before the Surrogate and show cause why her claim of $225,000 against the estate should not be allowed.

Mrs. Loeb says that the money left to her by Dr. Loeb has not been paid to her because it has not been approved by the Surrogate. She asks that the citations be issued to bring this about. She agrees to renounce any further rights to her legacy under the will if she receives the $225,000.

LONG TRIP TO PAY AUTO FINE

Davis Travels from Texas to New Haven to Face Speeding Charge.

Special to The New York Times.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 24.—Coming all the way from Austin, Texas, to attend a court hearing of his case, Theodore P. Davis, who was graduated from Yale last June, was fined $100 costs to-day for reckless driving of his automobile on commencement day, when the car hit Mary Reardon, injuring her severely. The hearing lasted only three minutes, after which Davis paid his fine and started back to his home in Texas.

He was driving to the shore after graduation exercises last June, when the accident occurred. The case had been postponed several times.

GEN. ZELAYA SAILS; WARNS FINANCIERS

Says His Nicaragua Bonds Are a First Lien and Cautions Investors.

NOW WILL GO TO SPAIN

Has Arranged His Personal Affairs and Hopes for an Old Age of Peace.

Gen. José Santos Zelaya, former President of Nicaragua, sailed for Havre yesterday on the French liner Lorraine, accompanied by his secretary, Joaquin Machles. Zelaya said that he was going to Barcelona, Spain, where his family is. Gen Zelaya still hopes eventually to return to his native country and spend his last days there.

Before the Lorraine sailed, Zelaya gave out this statement.

"For seventeen years I had the honor of being President of Nicaragua, during which lengthy period there existed between my country and the United States an unbroken relation of friendship and good will. I have had the honor of offering official and personal hospitality to many Americans of distinction, and I have used such influence as I may have had to facilitate the entrance of American capital and enterprise into Nicaragua.

"Such diplomatic difficulties as arose with the United States came at the end of my long administration and were all centred about the aims and ambitions of the American financial interests which we had admitted to our country in a spirit of friendship.

"Four years ago I retired to Spain and there enjoyed a repose and tranquillity to which, at my age of 60, I would seem to be entitled. I entered upon the Presidency of Nicaragua a comparatively wealthy man, with a fortune both inherited and acquired by my own industry as a private citizen. I laid down the Presidency after seventeen years, leaving in the possession of the Republic of Nicaragua practically all my fortune. I have never removed my personal fortune from the Republic of Nicaragua. On the contrary, I have loaned the bulk of it to my country.

Put Fortune In Bonds.

"The bulk of my fortune I loaned in the spirit of patriotism to the Government of Nicaragua to help pay the cost of the war with Honduras in 1907, and to maintain the credit and financial honor of my country by paying the coupons of an English loan, and the first installments of certain American claims, and received an evidence of indebtedness in the form of Government bonds which I subscribed to myself and paid for in cash on exactly the same terms as other subscribers.

"These bonds are an absolute first lien on the customs receipts of Nicaragua. Until they are redeemed by the Government of Nicaragua I would caution the American financial world to examine with care the security pledged under any subsequent bond issue.

"I would also warn the Government of the United States to beware of assuming a moral responsibility for the present and future financing of Nicaragua, when an effort is being made to ignore an obligation of the Government of Nicaragua which would be upheld by any court in the world.

"I commend this subject to the careful consideration of the United States Senate, which has under consideration a treaty under which the United States assumed responsibilities which may be for the best mutual interests of both countries, but which must primarily rest on a clean, just and honorable basis. As it is, there underlies the whole situation a nasty mess of financial and political intrigue.

Would Welcome an Inquiry.

"I personally have nothing to conceal and would welcome a most searching inquiry. I came here to the United States for the sole purpose of making an arrangement for the sale or redemption of my bonds. I was arrested immediately after my arrival here on a charge by the Nicaraguan Government so palpably false that the Department of State ordered the Government of Nicaragua to withdraw its request for my extradition.

"The request was promptly withdrawn, and I was released. I was under no agreement whatsoever to leave the United States, which assertion can be readily confirmed at the Department of State; and I wish to express my gratitude for the kindness shown me by the press and the public at the time of my imprisonment.

"I am leaving the country now because I have completed my private business, and I am glad to relieve the Department of State of any embarrassment I may cause it. The department has handled my case with the consideration and justice which was to be expected from a great and honorable Government and for which I am most grateful.

"In spite of that, however, an insidious effort has been made in the public press to blacken my reputation and spread the idea that I am forced to leave the United States under a dark and mysterious cloud. I have sold all my bonds to an American company, and sincerely hope that the intense interest aroused in certain quarters by my personal movements may now cease as suddenly as it began and leave to me in my old age the same peace which I have for the past four years enjoyed in Spain.

"J. S. ZELAYA."

LEFT FUND TO CORNELL.

Hiram L. Messenger Provided $4,000 Memorial in His Will.

Special to The New York Times.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—In the will of Hiram J. Messenger, actuary of the Travelers' Insurance Company, filed to-day, Cornell University is remembered, and institutions in Cortland, N. Y., his home town, will benefit. Some of his bequests were:

To his sister, Mrs. Luana Augustana Wilcox of Cortland, $4,000; to his nephew, Harry M. Wilcox of Cortland, $2,000; to his niece, Mrs. Irene Messenger Brown of New York City, $2,000

LIVE SANTA CLAUS UNLOADS HIS SLEIGH

Distributes Costly Gifts to Mrs. E. N. Breitung's Dinner Guests at the St. Regis.

TREE AT MRS. OELRICHS'S

Carols Sung and the Delights of an Old-Fashioned Christmas Eve Unfolded at Dance.

Mrs. E. N. Breitung gave a large dinner last night at the St. Regis, preceding the Christmas party at the residence of Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, 1 East Fifty-seventh Street. The guests were seated at a large table in the Louis XVI. banquet rooms, and jonquils and mistletoe were used as decorations.

The novelty and surprise of the dinner was when at the close a live Santa Claus, drawing a large sleigh, came prancing into the banquet hall, just like jolly old St. Nick of the story books. Santa and the sleigh were covered with artificial snow, which glittered but did not melt under the dazzling lights and warmth of the room, and he distributed costly gifts from his sleigh to each guest.

Later in the evening the guests from this and several other dinners went to Mrs. Oelrichs's house for a Christmas tree celebration, where carols were sung and all the delights of an old-fashioned Christmas Eve unfolded. Dancing followed the entertainment.

The guests at Mrs. Breitung's dinner included Mrs. Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Hoppin, Mr. and Mrs. James Speyer, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Y. Dalziel, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Shipman, Mrs. James R. Soley, Mrs. William Post, Mrs. Frederic Nelson, the Duchess de Chaulnes, Miss Louise Sands, Miss Angelica Brown, Miss Elsie de Wolfe, Mrs Harriet Alexander, Miss Lota Robinson, Miss Marjorie Curtis, Miss Juliet Breitung, and Miss Janet Fish.

Also Elisha Dyer, Sidney Dillon Ripley, Nils Florman, Charles M. Robinson, Frederick H. Baldwin, Dudley Carleton, Harry Black, Eliot Gregory, Count Markowski, T. Sandford Beaty, Thomas Kearney, John Barrett, Louis Homer, Judge Norman S. Dike, T. Chesley Richardson, Philip C. Mills, W. Rhinelander Stewart, Jr., S. Gross Horwitz, Akfel Wickfeld, and Mr. Breitung.

GIVES CHRISTMAS DANCE.

Mrs. Henry Clinton Backus Entertains for Her Son at Sherry's.

Mrs. Henry Clinton Backus of 205 West Fifty-seventh Street gave a Christmas dance at Sherry's last night for her son, Clinton D. Backus. There was dancing in the large ballroom and a seated supper at midnight. The rooms were decorated with holly and poinsettia.

The guests included the Misses Katherine Drayton, Margaret Overton, Flora McAlpin, Cordelia Hepburn, Lois Goodnow, Dorothy Bigelow, Coline Ingersoll, Anna Bridgman, May Munro, Edith Bouvier, Barbara Shedd, Katherine Husted, Mildred Rice, Manon Vanderhoef, Emma Alexander, Dorothy Hollister, Estelle Romeyn, Louise Frank, Sylvia Holt, Blanche Tyng, and Margaret Janeway.

Also George Perkins, Jr.; Jack Wells, Beverley Duer, Edward Adriance, Charles Sabin, Sidney Dexter, George McAlpin, Benjamin Harrison McKee, James Alexander, Jr.; Drake de Kay, Robert Lovett, Jack Schuman, William Tod Heimuth, Jr.; Jack Elliott, Jack Bouvier, Eugene Hodenpyl, and R. S. Vreeland.

CELEBRATE IN VAN NESS HOME

Golden Wedding, Three Christenings, and Two Birthdays.

Combined into a celebration under one roof last night was the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Van Ness, of Boyden Avenue, Hilton, N. J.; the christening of their two great grandchildren, Helen and Roland Gutman, of Irvington, and their grandson, Carol Casey of Hilton, and the celebration of the birthday of Mr. Van Ness's brother, Eugene Van Ness of South Norwalk, Conn., who is 61 years old, and that of Mrs. Van Ness's niece, Mrs. Mary R. Grasse of New York.

The celebration was held in the old Van Ness homestead where Mr. Van Ness was born, 72 years ago, and where he has spent his life. The house was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, white marriage bells and evergreens.

The guests were received by Mrs. Grasse and Miss Ella Dean, attired in Colonial gowns which were worn by Mr. Van Ness's grandmother, who lived in the Boyden Avenue homestead 50 years ago. She was a descendant of Colonial families who took part in the Revolutionary War.

CYRIL MAUDE GIVES TOYS.

Plays Santa Claus to Settlement Children on Wallack's Stage.

Cyril Maude played Santa Claus to several hundred Settlement children on the stage of Wallack's Theatre yesterday afternoon following his matinée performance in "Grumpy," and presented each child with a toy. The youngsters were the guests of the children, appearing in "General John Regan" at the Hudson Theatre, who gave a Christmas party on the stage. The little guests, who were in charge of Miss Helen Curtis of the Greenwich Settlement House, were first taken to see the performance at the latter theatre.

After the performance of "General John Regan" the children were sent to Wallack's Theatre in 'buses, and there found a Christmas tree awaiting them. The "General John Regan" juvenile actors took part in a Christmas play, and there were other entertaining features. Then Mr. Maude addressed the children and distributed the presents. Refreshments were also served.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Mlle. Roshanara, a dancer from India, has been engaged to appear at the Palace Theatre next week in native dances.

The company headed by Frank Lalor, which will appear in "Iole," left yesterday morning for Albany, where two performances of the musical comedy, founded on Robert W. Chambers's novel, will be given to-day. In addition to Mr. Lalor the cast will include Carl Gantvoort, Stewart Baird, Leslie Gaze, Roydon Keith, Rexford Kendrick, the Misses Ferne Rogers, Hazel Kirke, May Allison, Marta Spears, Edna Temple, Edna Pendleton, Gretchen Eastman, and Anna Vane.

Ben Greet is organizing his company for a short tour, beginning Jan. 1, when they will present W. S. Gilbert's "Palace of Truth." The cast includes, besides Mr. Greet, Roselle Knott, Viola Knott, Ruth Vivian, Mrs. Henry Ludlow, Charles Houston, Douglas Wood, Guy Cunningham, and George Hare.

The engagement of "Oh, I Say!" at the Casino Theatre will end Saturday night. The offering for next week will be Anna Held and her company, giving two performances daily, including Sunday, Jan. 4. Miss Held will appear in a one-act musical comedy, entitled "Mlle. Baby."

The one hundredth performance of "At Bay," at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre, will take place Saturday afternoon, Jan. 3. Souvenirs will be presented to patrons occupying orchestra or balcony seats.

Mme. Agujlia will give one performance of "Camille" at the Hyperion Theatre, New Haven, next Sunday evening for the benefit of the Italian Day Nursery. This will be the first time that Agujlia has been seen in New Haven, and the first time that she has portrayed Camille in this country.

Ur Erno Rapee, a musician and composer of Hungary, has been engaged by William Morris for the Thes Dansants at the Jardin de Danse, commencing to-day.

For the second attraction at the Sam S. Shubert Theatre, following Forbes-Robertson, whose engagement will be concluded Jan. 4, the Shuberts announce Percy Mackaye's Oriental drama, "A Thousand Years Ago," a play in dramatic verse.

MRS. GUGGENHEIM'S DANCE.

Debutante, Miss Benita Guggenheim, Receives with Mother at St. Regis.

Mrs. Benjamin Guggenheim of 763 Fifth Avenue gave a dance last night at the St. Regis for her débutante daughter, Miss Benita Guggenheim.

Mrs. Guggenheim and her daughter received the guests, who were invited for 9 o'clock, in the Louis XVI. reception room, which was decorated with poinsettia and laurel and Christmas greens. Mrs. Guggenheim wore a white satin gown embroidered with silver and draped with tulle, and the débutante was in white satin embroidered with silver and trimmed with ermine.

The dancing took place in the marble ballroom. About midnight a seated supper was served for 250 guests.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim, Mrs. Gladys Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ickelheimer, Miss Helen Bernheimer, Miss Margaret Seligman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Warburg, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon R. Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodhart, Miss Lucille Guggenheim, Miss Ruth Morgenthau, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Guggenheim, Roger W. Straus, Nathan Straus, Jr., Robert Haas, Hans von Passavant, Robert Stern, Horace Kenneth Horner, Bryn Freeman, James Warburg, G. Aranji, Dr. Murphy, and Mr. Guggenheim.

MISS RICHARDSON WEDS.

Smith College Graduate Married to Allen S. Hubbard—The Attendants.

Special to The New York Times.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The marriage of Harriet E. Richardson, daughter of Frank W. Richardson of Auburn, N. Y., to Allen Skinner Hubbard occurred tonight at St. Peter's Church in Auburn. Miss Richardson was graduated at Smith College in June last. Mr. Hubbard is a son of the late Rev. Dr. William H. Hubbard, Secretary of the Executive Board of the Presbyterian Church of America, was graduated at Yale in 1911, and is a member of the Scroll and Key Society and Alpha Delta Phi. He is now a student in the Harvard Law School.

The bridesmaids were Miss Shaw-Kennedy and Miss Dorothy Spencer of New York and Miss Mildred Woodruff and Miss Mollie Nye of Auburn. The matron of honor was Mrs. Hayward Bartlett of Lyons, and the maid of honor, Miss Maud Nye of Auburn. The ushers were Eugene H. Philbin, Erving Rand, and Merrill N. Gates of New York; Marshal Holcomb of Hartford, Conn.; George A. Richardson of Mexico, Hayward Bartlett of Lyons, and Jack Richardson of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard will live in New York City.

PRIZES AT TEA DANCE.

The First Won by Miss Clara Fargo at Plaza—The Patronesses.

There was a holiday tea dance yesterday afternoon in the Plaza ballroom of the class of which Mrs. Edward Clarkson Potter, Mrs. B. Ogden Chisolm, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. James Raynor Hayden, and others are the patronesses. The ballroom was gay with holly, mistletoe, and Christmas greens, and a Japanese girl in native costume was at the tea table, assisted by Japanese waiters.

The first prize, a silver vase, was won by Miss Clara Fargo, and the second, an enameled box, was won by Miss Eleanor Taylor.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. Ogden Chisolm, Mrs. H. Casimir de Rham, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence Green, Mrs. Roger M. Minton, Mrs. Justus Ruperti, Mrs. August Heckscher and her daughter, Mrs. Oliver Brett, the Misses Marie Tailer, Winifred Chisolm, Margaret Porter, Margaret Suckley, Rosamond Sherman, Thelma Violett, and Theresa Ingersoll; Carley Harriman, Louis de Koven, Guy Carlton, Atwood Violett, Rembrandt Peale, Reginald Lewis, W. Bache Brown, J. J. Cisco, and Robert Breese. Miss Joan Sawyer came in late in the afternoon and did some waltzes.

Miss Manice to Wed on Saturday.

The marriage of Miss Frances I. Manice, daughter of Mrs. Heaton Manice of Nineteenth and State Streets, Flushing, and Walter W. Albrecht of Hamburg, Germany, will take place at the home of the bride's mother on Saturday afternoon. Because of a serious illness in the family of the bridegroom the ceremony will be simple. The bride will be unattended. George Andre of Manhattan will be best man. Mr. Albrecht is a son of Dr. Max Albrecht.

Miss Westervelt to Wed Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Westervelt of Tenafly, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Myrtha Westervelt, to the Rev. John W. Flynn. Mr. Flynn is the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tenafly and is a graduate of Dickinson College and the Drew Theological Seminary. No date has been set for the wedding.

KAHN—HOLLANDER.

The marriage of George L. Kahn and Miss Beatrice Hollander, a daughter of Joseph L. Hollander, took place last night at the residence of Mr. Hollander, 804 West End Avenue, the Rev. Dr. Harris officiating. The bride, in white satin and lace, had her sister, Miss Edith Hollander, in pale blue, as her only attendant. Charles Kahn was his brother's best man, and the ushers were Lawrence Hirshfeld, Philip Cohen, Lewis Hollander, a brother of the bride, and Robert Wortman. A reception and dinner and dancing followed the ceremony.

Holiday Dances Start at Sherry's.

The first of the holiday dances for girls not yet out, managed by Miss Olyphant, took place at Sherry's last night. The small ballroom was decorated with holly and Christmas greens. The patronesses of these dances are Mrs. Walter P. Chappell, Mrs. J. Herndon French, Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Mrs. Russell Hoadley, Jr., Mrs. Columbus O'Donnell Iselin, Mrs. Hamilton Fish Kean, Mrs. Alvin W. Krech, Mrs. William Church Osborn, and Mrs. Edwin C. Weeks. The members include Constance Chappell, Angeline Krech, Helen Ridgely Morgan, and others. Many of the college boys attended the dance.

TOOK MRS. BELMONT'S DOGS

Bartender Convicted on Complaint of Raymond Belmont's Wife.

Mrs. Ethel L. Belmont, wife of Raymond Belmont, was a witness before Judge Crain in General Sessions yesterday in the case of George Rickord, a bartender, who was charged with stealing two dogs belonging to her. The dogs are described in the papers as "Pickanee dogs."

It was charged that Rickord was a boarder at a rooming house at 109 East Twenty-fourth Street, run by Mrs. Camilla Bradley, who was keeping the dogs for Mrs. Belmont, and that he picked them up one morning in the hall and walked away with them. Mrs. Belmont testified that the dogs were worth $150 each.

Rickord was convicted of grand larceny in the second degree.

47 Hospitals Hang Up Their Stockings

Please send at once your share, large or small, to help insure **New York's Gift of $200,000** to 47 leading hospitals. The money is divided on the basis of the Free Work done by each for the Sick Poor. $2.00 gives one day of hospital care. Please send all you can.

CHARLES LANIER, Treas., 59 Cedar St.
HOSPITAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ASSOCIATION.
MRS. JAMES SPEYER, 257 Madison Av., Treasurer, Woman's Auxiliary.
ROBERT OLYPHANT, President.

'WE ARE SEVEN' IS SLOW-PACED FARCE

Though It Contains Some Charming Touches, the Net Result Is Disappointing.

EFFIE ELLSLER IN CAST

And There Is Good Acting, Also, by Russ Whytal, Jane Peyton and Others.

WE ARE SEVEN, a farce, by Eleanor Gates, in three acts, at Maxine Elliott's Theatre.

Peter Avery	William Raymond
Philip Martin	Richard Barbee
Samuel Lawrence	W. H. Gilmore
Thaddeus Morrison	Harrison Fowler
Henry Booth	William Morran
Col. Robert Avery	Russ Whytal
Miss Lavinia Connaughton	Effie Ellsler
Diantha Kerr, (her niece)	Bessie Barriscale
Salsbury Duvol	Robert Paton Gibbs
Dr. Fanny Grant	Jane Peyton
Harriet	Florence Gerald
Fetter	Fred Powers
Officer Flynn	Joseph Henley
Officer Hayes	Norman Roberts
Lieut. Sheehan	William Crimans
Bootblack	Emmet Bradley
Officer Keith	Charles Douglas
Newsboy	Howard Stuart
Interpreter Farley	Thomas E. Jackson

There are charming touches in Miss Eleanor Gate's new play, "We Are Seven," which was seen for the first time at the Maxine Elliott Theatre last night. But, unfortunately, this so-called whimsical farce has been pretty nearly talked to death before the developments are of a sort to fix and hold attention.

"We haven't time to listen to a lecture," remarked the Police Sergeant in the last act. And Miss Gates respects his feelings in the matter. But she does not show the same consideration for her audience.

She sets out to have a little good-natured fun with the eugenists by introducing a young woman already bringing up a family of seven—she has decided on the exact number—though as yet she hasn't even met "the man." Of course he is to be a perfect specimen and the children are to take after him. And so in a pretty passage we see Miss Dianthe Kerr crooning a lullaby to an imaginary infant in her arms, while what may be termed the ultimate father of the child sits by and is charmer with the domestic picture.

This young man is a practical joker, who, after playing a trick on a lady doctor, which starts the play but really leads to nothing, engages himself as Miss Dinathe's supposed deaf-and-dumb guide to the east side, where, in the young lady's own words, she goes to study the "effect of alien immigration on the body politic."

When several of the young man's friends arrive at Dinathe's home, each pretending to be deaf and dumb, trouble is started that leads to a police station, and eventually brings about the happy ending.

It would be most unfair to say that there is not an amusing idea back of the farce, or that it is totally lacking in entertaining qualities. On the contrary, the pleasant moments are extremely pleasant, and they have a fresh, unhackneyed quality which makes them especially appealing. Such a discovery, for instance, as the fact that "he can read the lips" develops tempting opportunities for young lovers and provides a capital note of fun. And Dianthe's disclosures regarding her supposed family and what kind of a father she might not like brings another amusing passage. So, too, there is a novel and pleasing touch at the end, with the lovers united and "the seven" in shadowy promise against the window curtain.

But the action is slow-paced and ingenuity in developing complications is lacking. The net result, then, is rather disappointing.

The little piece is nicely staged and well acted, the occasion being notable for the return of Miss Effie Ellser, whose long absence from our stage does not appear to have impaired her art. As a matter of fact, she provides a splendid example of what good training and experience may do, and plays with ease and distinction. Russ Whytal is another admirable player who contributes excellencies to the cast, and Miss Barriscale is both charming and pretty. Jane Peyton, Robert Peyton Gibbs, and William Raymond are admirable, and the various bits are neatly done.

OPERA NOVELTY NEXT WEEK

"The Love of Three Kings" Friday —"Parsifal" New Year's Afternoon.

"L'Amore del Tre Re," ("The Love of the Three Kings,") a tragic poem by Sem Benelli, set to music by Italo Montemezzi, will be presented for the first time in America by Mr. Gatti-Casazza at the Metropolitan Opera House on Friday evening of next week under the direction of Arturo Toscanini. The cast will be as follows:

Archibaldo, an aged and blind Baron, Adano Didur; Manfredo, his son, Pasquale Amato; Avito, the Italian heir to the principality, Edoardo Ferrari-Fontana, (his New York début;) Flora, Lucrezia Bori; Flaminio, Angelo Bada; an attendant, Mme. Jeanne Maubourg; a young girl, Sophie Braslau; an old woman, Mme. Maria Duchene, and a youth, Pietro Audisio.

"Der Rosenkavalier" will have its third performanace here on Monday night with the usual cast, including Mmes. Hempel, Ober, Case, Fornia, and Mattfeld, and Messrs. Jörn, Goritz, Reiss, Well, and Schlegel, Mr. Hertz conducting.

Massenet's "Manon," which was postponed twice on account of Miss Farrar's illness, is announced for Wednesday evening, New Year's Eve, with Miss Farrar, Mmes. Duchene, Maubourg, and Sparkes, and Messrs. Caruso, Gilly, Rothier, De Segurola, Ananian, Reschiglian, and Begue. Mr. Toscanini will conduct.

"Parsifal" will be given on New Year's afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, with Mme. Fremstad and Messrs. Jörn, Well, Goritz, and Braun, the latter for the first time as Gurnemanz, Mr. Hertz conducting.

"La Traviata" will be sung on New Year's night by Mmes. Hempel, Maubourg, and Mattfeld, and Messrs. Crisitalli, Amato, Ananian, Bada, Begue, and Reschiglian, Mr. Polacco conducting.

"La Gioconda" will be next week's Saturday matinée opera, with Mmes. Destinn, Ober, and Duchene, and Messrs. Caruso, Gilly, (for the first time here as Barnaba,) De Segurola, Begue, and Reschiglian. Mr. Polacco will conduct.

"Madama Butterfly" will be given for the benefit of the Barnard College Alumni Association on Saturday night, Jan. 3, the cast including Miss Farrar and Mmes. Fornia and Madleson, and Messrs. Martinelli, Scotti, Begue, and Bada. Mr. Toscanini will conduct.

Next Sunday night's concert will be a "Verdi Night." The soloists will be Miss Anna Case, Miss Sophie Brasiau, Pasquale Amato, Italo Cristalli, and Paul Althouse. The opera orchestra will be conducted by Richard Hageman.

"Ib and Little Christina" To-day.

"Ib and Little Christina," a Christmas play in one act and three scenes by Capt. Basil Hood, founded upon one of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales, will be presented among the plays at the Princess Theatre this afternoon and to-morrow afternoon only. The play was first produced in London several years ago by Holbrook Blinn, who will produce it here. Mr. Blinn will appear in the rôle of Ib. Joyce Fair will be the Little Christina, Thomas Carnahan the Little Ib, and other rôles will be played by Miss Polini and Miss Ives and Harry Mestayer and Vaughn Trevor.

Arrivals from Europe.

Transatlantic liners arriving yesterday and some of their passengers were:

PRESIDENT GRANT (Hamburg)—R. G. Binns, Dr. and Mrs. George Ernst, Mrs. H. D. Freeland, Mrs. J. D. Gilliam, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Hinck, Mrs. A. H. Hume, George Lawton, C. B. Oliver, Julius Palme, J. G. Robinson, Miss Henrietta Stanfield, Miss Zelda Stanfield, and Mrs. E. J. Tyler.

ULTONIA (Plume)—Mrs. J. Engel, C. Gonnis, Miss Vilma Hock, Miss R. Oliva D. Regina, and Miss Frances A. Whitcomb.

EX-PREMIER ESTRUP DEAD.

Danish Statesman, with King, Defied Parliament for Many Years.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 24.—Jacon Broenum Scavenius Estrup, for many years one of the leading politicians of Denmark and for nineteen years, from 1875 to 1894, Premier and Finance Minister of the Danish Cabinet, died in this city to-day. He was born on April 26, 1825, and entered Danish politics in 1854 as a member of the lower house.

The late statesman, together with the King of Denmark, defied the Parliament for many years, when it demanded that the monarch should choose his Ministers from among the representatives of the people. On many occasions Mr. Estrup dissolved the chambers when they refused to pass his budgets, and the finances of Denmark were kept in order by means of provisional laws, since during practically all of his term the majority in Parliament was against him.

Mr. Estrup did much for the development of the Danish railroad system and for the planning of the splendid roads now found in Denmark.

An attempt to assassinate him was made on Oct. 21, 1885, and, as this was believed to have been committed by a political opponent, the Parliament was dissolved the next day. In 1900 Mr. Estrup was made a member of the upper house.

MAJ. CLINTON H. SMITH DIES

Secretary of Board of Park Commissioners and Civil War Veteran.

Major Clinton H. Smith, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners, died last evening at his home, 50 Cathedral Parkway. With him when he died were his wife and his son, Milton G. Smith.

Major Smith became Secretary of the Park Board in January, 1910. He had previously been for thirty-one years the Assistant Secretary of the board, and had served under nearly fifty Commissioners. His office was abolished in 1900 during the McClellan administration.

It was Mayor Gaynor who put Major Smith back into the parks service. As Major in the Seventy-first Regiment he served in the Spanish-American war. He was accused of cowardice in the battle of San Juan and Theodore Roosevelt, then Governor of the State, ordered his trial before a military commission.

This resulted in his being condemned and cashiered. Gov. Roosevelt approved the findings of the commission and on June 6, 1900, Major Smith was dismissed from the service. He took his case to the courts on appeal and he was exonerated and reinstated.

Mrs. Louise H. Sage.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise H. Sage, widely known among New England horsemen for her interest in harness racing, and owner of Sage Park, a half mile track upon which she had expended more than $25,000 in the last two years, died at her home here to-day, aged 82 years. Mrs. Sage had owned many fast and valuable animals in other years, and there are in her stables at Sage Park which made records on New England tracks during the last season. In spite of her advanced years she gave her personal attention to the management of the racing property and her horses.

Capt. Celwyn E. Hampton, U. S. A.

Capt. Celwyn E. Hampton, U. S. A., retired, well-known as an army historian and writer of poetry, died in San Antonio, Texas, on Tuesday night. He was born in Ohio in 1871. He was assigned to the Twenty-third Regiment of Infantry as Second Lieutenant, and promoted to First Lieutenant in 1898. In June of that year Lieut. Hampton sailed for the Philippines. He took part in the engagements in Manila Bay and was active in the assault and capture of the city eight days later. In April, 1901, Lieut. Hampton became a Captain in the Twenty-first Infantry, also serving in the Philippines. He was retired for disability in August, 1910.

Albert James, Opera Singer, Dies.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Albert James, an old-time light opera singer, who appeared in the original Gilbert & Sullivan comic operas, died here to-day. In company with Alice Huntington James he made a tour of the United States many years ago.

Count Zaleski Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Central News telegram says that Count Zaleski, the Austrian Minister of Finance, died today at Meran, Tyrol.

Obituary Notes.

Police Sergeant EDMUND O. MATTHEWS of the Sheepshead Bay station died on Tuesday at the Kings County Hospital from a fracture of the skull received on Dec. 16 by a fall from a car. He was 42 years old, and had been on the police force since 1896. Mr. Matthews left a widow and five children.

E. W. WHITTAKER, for many years in the manufacture of neckwear, died at his apartments in the Graham Court, Seventh Avenue and 116th Street, on Tuesday. He left a widow and two children.

ROBERT M. HENDERSON, many years a traveling salesman, died at his home, 205 Ridgewood Avenue, Brooklyn, on Tuesday. He was 45 years old and left a widow, a son and a daughter.

GEORGE F. JUNG, for forty years a druggist in Williamsburg, died on Tuesday at his home, 41 Shaw Avenue, Union Course, L. I. He was born in Cassel, Germany, in 1847.

HENRY KUPPER, a manufacturer of varnish, died on Tuesday at his home, 2,134 Amsterdam Avenue. He was 47 years old.

HENRY FENNELL, a painter and decorator of Brooklyn, died on Tuesday at his home, 59 Pulaski Street, at the age of 42.

PATRICK DUNWORTH, thirty years foreman for the New York Dock Company, died at his home, 58 State Street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, at the age of 64 years.

COLIN A. MARTIN, a civil war veteran, of 1,035 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, died at his home on Tuesday, at the age of 69 years. He was President of the Veterans' Association of the 139th New York Volunteers.

Major DONALD MACDONALD, a silver plater, active in Republican politics in Brooklyn many years ago, died at the age of 59 years on Tuesday at his home, 579 Fulton Street.

EDWARD S. WALTON, 52, President of the National Builders' Supply Association and Secretary and Manager of the Youngstown Ice Company, died in Youngstown, Ohio, yesterday from heart disease. He had been ill for three months.

GEORGE W. MELLEN, a veteran of the Mexican war, who was in Company K, Second United States Volunteers, mustered in Boston and sent to Puebla, Mexico, to reinforce Gen. Scott, died in Pittsfield, Mass., yesterday, aged 83. His regiment took part in the battles before the City of Mexico and in the storming and taking of the city. Mr. Mellen had lived for fifty years in Pittsfield.

PETER O. VAN VECHTEN, one of the pioneer settlers of Milwaukee, Wis., is dead at the home of his daughter in Kingston, N. Y., aged 86 years. He was born at Catskill, N. Y., but went to Milwaukee when a young man. For many ears Mr. Van Vechten was connected with the United States Secret Service and also served as Sheriff in Wisconsin.

Mrs. ELIZABETH STAFFORD, widow of Lawrence Stafford and mother of the late Right Rev. Mgr. John A. Stafford, died on Tuesday at her home, 33 Mary Street, Paterson, N. J., at the age of 83. She had been ill with paralysis nearly three years. Mrs. Stafford left four sons and a daughter.

CHARLES FRANCIS OSBORNE, professor of the history of architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia yesterday. He was 59 years old and was widely known in his profession. Prof. Osborne was a member of the teaching staff at Pennsylvania for thirteen years and prior to that was for fifteen years connected with Cornell University.

ALFRED MOREHOUSE died at his home in Darien, Conn., yesterday, in his seventy-fourth year. He was a direct descendant of Dr. Moses Mather, who was carried away by the British at the time of their raid on the Middlesex Congregational Church. He served in the Seventeenth Connecticut Volunteers during the civil war. Mr. Morehouse is survived by his widow and three children, Alfred, Jr., of Haines, Morehouse & Woodford of New York; Theodore C. of San Francisco, and Harold W. of Darien. Mr. Morehouse was for many years a member of the firm of Chaffee, Morehouse & Carmichael, commission merchants of New York, but retired in 1906.

ISAAC W. FRIEDMAN, head of the firm of I. W. Friedman & Co., dealers in diamonds, 179 Broadway, died after several weeks' illness from heart disease yesterday at his home, 68 West Sixty-ninth Street. He was born in Germany sixty-nine years ago. Mr. Friedman was a member of the Jewelers' League and the Masonic order. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.

CHARLES M. TRAVIS, Minister to Brazil under President Grant and law partner of Gen. Lew Wallace, died at the Soldiers' Home in Danville, Ill., yesterday, after a long illness. He was 68 years old.

VAUDEVILLE ON THE ROOF.

Performance While Audience Dances Atop of 44th Street Theatre.

Vaudeville while you dance is to be the latest offering of the Shuberts who will open the garden on the roof of the 44th Street Theatre Building early next month. Vaudeville performers will appear on the stage of the roof theatre while the audience dances on the floor from which all of the theatre's regular seats have been removed.

The amusement features will not be in the nature of a cabaret show, but will be furnished by vaudeville performers who will give their acts as presented in regular vaudeville houses. Between dances Miss Joan Sawyer and her dancing partner Lew Quinn, will appear in special dances on the floor.

Benefit for Visiting Teachers' Fund.

A benefit performance of Anne Crawford Flexner's comedy, "The Marriage Game," will take place at the Comedy Theatre Jan. 8 under the auspices of the Visiting Teachers' Auxiliary of the Public Education Association for the benefit of the Visiting Teachers' fund. The list of patronesses includes Mrs. V. Everit Macy, Mrs. Edward Bodman, Mrs. Carroll Dunham, Mrs. Joseph R. Swan, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, Mrs. Theodore M. Davis, Mrs. Howard Carroll, Mrs. Alfred Hess, Mrs. William Bradley, Mrs. Edward Henderson, Mrs. Abraham Flexner, Miss C. L. Loweil, Mrs. Raymond B. Fosdick, Mrs. Frances C. Barlow, Miss M. L. Willard, Mrs. Pierre Jay, Mrs. Graham Lusk, Mrs. David Meriwether Milton, Mrs. Frances L. Slade, Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Mrs. George McAneny, Mrs. Herbert Parsons, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, and Mrs. Marcus Marks.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bird, who are making their home at the Ilotel Gotham this Winter, have gone to spend the Christmas holidays with Dr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb at their estate in Shelburne, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Stanwood Menken of 34 West Fifty-second Street have sent out unique invitations in verse, after Omar Khayam's Rubaiyat, engraved in colors, for Sunday evening, Jan. 11.

Mrs. Wilber Bloodgood of 49 East Thirty-fourth Street is giving a dinner dance on Tuesday, Dec. 30, for her young daughter, Miss Rosalie Bloodgood, taking her guests afterward to Miss Robinson's Christmas dance at Sherry's.

Louis S. Bruguiere and his mother, Mrs. Emile Bruguiere, have closed their villa at Newport, and are at the Vanderbilt for the Winter.

Ludlow Fowler, Jr., and Miss Charlotte Winthrop Sprague, who are to be married on Jan. 5, visited the City Hall yesterday and took out their marriage license. Mr. Fowler is the son of Surrogate Fowler and Miss Cram is a niece of J. Sargent Cram.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie are at the New Greenbrier Hotel, at White Sulphur Springs, Va., to remain until the latter part of January. Mr. Carnegie spends much of his time on the golf links.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Archbold, who live at the Plaza, are spending the Christmas holidays at their country place at Tarrytown, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanford are at the St. Regis to remain over Christmas.

Mrs. Walker Breese Smith of 27 East Sixty-second Street has purchased Mrs. Clement Cleveland's place at Newport. Rear Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, U. S. N., and Mrs. Winslow made the cottage their Summer home for many years.

The wedding of Mrs. Mary Farquharson Marvin and Horace de Camp will take place this afternoon in the Harlem Presbyterian Church, and will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farquharson, 317 Riverside Drive. This is the only large wedding set for Christmas Day in New York.

Mrs. John Parkin Gilford will entertain at luncheon to-day for Miss Gilford and a party of young people who are going to Philadelphia.

Mme. Eames and Emilio de Gogorza are to sing at the concert on Jan. 9 for the benefit of the Orthopaedic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Emlen Starr (Miss Emily D. Ayres) are here from Philadelphia to spend Christmas with Mrs. C. G. Ayres.

Mrs. Edmund Smith Bailey and Mrs. William Dingwell Stewart of 118 West Seventy-fourth Street will entertain to-night with a Virginia supper and dancing.

URLUS ILL; FINISHES OPERA.

Stricken During "Tristan und Isolde"—A Brilliant Performance.

The Christmas Eve opera at the Metropolitan last night was Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde," presented for the first time this season on this occasion with Olive Fremstad and Jacques Urlus in the leading rôles and Arturo Toscanini conducting. An extraneous feature of excitement in the performance was added by the announcement from the stage before the third act that Mr. Urlus had been taken with a severe attack of indigestion, but would endeavor to finish the performance. As he was called on to do once before, Mr. Urlus finished the performance under difficulties, but this time with little apparent interference with his singing.

It was a brilliant and generally thrilling performance. The motive force that came from the conductor's stand dominated the evening and spoke the composer's intention with compelling power. This is not to deprive the singers of their rightful share in the evening's honors; it is rather to say that a vivid and living atmosphere was created for them, in which they could not fail of doing their best.

The Isolde of Mme. Fremstad was a superb performance, as moving as it ever was as a characterization, and vocally strong. Mr. Urlus again added to his laurels, and the new Brangaene of Margarete Ober will not fall by comparison with the best standards. Carl Braun as the King and Hermann Weil as Kurwenal provided their usual excellent portrayals, which may also be said of Carl Schlegel and Lambert Murphy in the lesser parts of Melot and the shepherd.

The orchestra, meeting all the demands of Mr. Toscanini readily, was a strong factor in the distinction of the performance, which, it is safe to say, has not often been excelled, nor is likely to be.

"Hop o' My Thumb" Christmas.

A Christmas entertainment for the children appearing in "Hop o' My Thumb" was held on the stage of the Manhattan Opera House yesterday afternoon, following the performance in that theatre. A scene showing a snow-laden church in a forest was set, with snow falling upon a huge cedar tree, which was lit by many electric lights and hung with presents for each of the children in the show. De Wolf Hopper in the costume of Kris Kringle distributed the presents. The Crinoline girls dressed the dolls. The fund was collected and the gifts bought by Miss Marie Andree and Miss Sylvia Saunders.

MRS. YOUNG WILL ACCEPT.

Mayor Harrison Expects Her to Resume Her Duties Next Month.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Although she did not receive the unanimous vote of the members of the Board of Education when she was reinstated yesterday as Superintendent of Chicago schools by a vote of 13 to 7, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young will accept the re-election, according to the understanding of Mayor Harrison and Peter Reinberg, President of the board.

At the annual meeting of the board two weeks ago Mrs. Young declined to stand for re-election after she failed to get a decisive majority on the first ballot. She said at that time that she did not want the post unless she could have the undivided support of the board members.

Marriage and death notices intended for insertion in The New York Times may be telephoned to 1000 Bryant.

Engaged.

ASINOF—ADELSTEIN.—Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Adelstein of 110 West 86th St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Pauline Adelstein, to Mr. Moe Asinof.

GOEMANN—WICKE.—Mrs. H. Wicke of 956 Rodgers Place, the Bronx, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mae A., to Mr. Hermann F. Goemann, Jr., of Grantwood, N. J.

LEVY—ASINOF.—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Asinof of 73 East 90th St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sadie Asinof, to Mr. Arthur A. Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Levy.

DAVIS—LOTTES.—Sadie H. Lottes to Robert F. Davis.

Married.

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BASEBALL---AUTOMOBILING---TIE IN COLLEGE CHESS---NEW FOOTBALL COACH FOR YALE

BROOKLYN TO GET CUBAN SHORTSTOP

Romanach Gathered In Before Giants Got Busy with an Offer.

The Brooklyn Club notified Secretary John A. Heydler of the National League yesterday that they had successfully completed negotiations with Tommy Romanach, the young short stop of the Almandares Club in Cuba. Brooklyn stated that the player had accepted their terms.

The Giants wanted Romanach, and wanted him badly. They cabled him about a week ago, asking for his terms. New York was willing to pay him big money just to have him report at Marlin, because he has been playing a great game in Cuba, and even if he didn't make good next year, it is stated by baseball experts, that he will be a major leaguer after a season or two of experience in the minor leagues in the States. But the Giants were beaten out in the bargain.

When the Brooklyn team was in Cuba last month Capt. Jake Daubert was very much impressed with Romanach's playing and tipped President Ebbets off about the player. Daubert was foxy and made the shortstop promise not to sign with any other club until he had heard from Brooklyn. It was this promise to Brooklyn which blocked the Giants' bid for the player. Romanach will wear a Dodger uniform next season and may make a place in the infield. He is only 18 years old and is an architect by occupation. He plays ball because he likes it, not because of the mercenary reward.

Out in Wadena, Ill., "Old Doc." Crandall, the greatest "pinch pitcher" in the major leagues, is having his Christmas turkey, surrounded by his happy family. And if Otis carries out his present intention this will probably be the last that will ever be heard of this famous "life-saving crew" of the Giants.

Otis has told his friends that he is tired of baseball and wants to settle down on his farm in Wadena and maybe become a country squire. He has been with the Giants for several seasons and while he has never had a real chance to shine as a twirler himself, he has saved the reputation of so many pitchers that he has been regarded by New York fans as one of the most unselfish and valuable players a team ever possessed.

Otis Crandall, fundamentally, never cared for New York. He is one ball player who has never seen the bright lights of Broadway. He has seen the electric glare of 125th Street and always told his friends that if Broadway was any brighter he didn't want to see it. He had more regard for the eyes.

Last season, when Crandall was sold to St. Louis, he was displeased. In fact, so much displeased that Manager McGraw bought him back. If he cannot play with New York he doesn't want to play anywhere, and after one year's experience Otis feels that the Giants are likely to make him a feature of any trade they want to make with other clubs, so he thinks that he had better retire to his farm in Wadena, Ill., and raise turkeys.

If Crandall carries out his threat and retires from baseball for the rural life, he will at least leave a record behind him. No pitcher in the universe ever "warmed up" as many times as "Doc" Crandall. After beginning every game at the Polo Grounds, no matter who was pitching, Crandall could be seen hurrying to deep right field, close to the exit gate, to "warm up." Doc was out there "warming up" so often that he became part of the scenery. Day after day he "warmed up." Some days it was necessary and other days it wasn't. However, when Art Fromme started a game it was always necessary for "Doc" to "warm up." One thing must be said in his favor, Manager McGraw never called upon him to go in and relieve a pitcher when he wasn't ready. He was never caught unprepared. He was always "warmed up" and prepared for the worst, and he often got it.

At times several days passed when he wasn't called upon to pitch. So Doc started to take on flesh and soon became fat. He had to wear a rubber shirt to keep down his weight. He liked to work, and when he didn't work he was impatient. That's why he wants to get out of baseball and become a farmer. He is prosperous, Crandall is, and doesn't have to worry. The big farm at Wadena, Ill., is a paying proposition.

Josephus Tinker, the $25,000 shortstop, is still playing shuttlecock and battledore with the National League. He hasn't signed with Brooklyn yet and he now says that he is not going to. Tinker fixed his annual salary for three years at $7,500, and Brooklyn will not pay that much. No one blames Brooklyn. It is now stated by his close friends in Chicago that Tinker made the price high so that he would not have to play in Brooklyn.

On Tuesday Tinker said to a friend in Chicago: "With a few years of effort I can undoubtedly make my silverplating plant pay more per year than I can get playing ball. Furthermore, I can still be in that business fifteen or twenty years from now, but I have only a few years more on the diamond. Should I accept a good salary playing ball for the next three years away from Chicago the plant may deteriorate and perhaps close, and by the time my contract expires I will have lost my customers and be compelled to start all over again, spending the money made in Brooklyn. "Everything I have is invested in Chicago; my home is here. My friends are all here and I doubt if I will leave Chicago even though Brooklyn accepts my terms."

Both President Ebbets and the other stock holders of the club, the McKeevers, are willing to bring Tinker to Brooklyn, just to satisfy the expectations of the Brooklyn fans. So much has been said about his being a Dodger that the owners know that if he fails to meet their terms it will be a keen disappointment to the Brooklyn baseball public. Another feature of Tinkers' attitude, is, that within a few weeks it may be announced that he will play an engagement in vaudeville which will be another triumph for the press agents. Mr. Tinker's middle name is Fox.

Chubby Charley Murphy, who is President of the Cubs, as the world knows, is out with a big boost for Charley Herzog, the former Giant, who is to manage the Reds next season. "With Herzog in charge," says Murphy, "I pick the Reds to finish in the first division. Herzog will make a good manager because he graduated from the McGraw school of baseball, which has never yet turned out a 'bloomer.' I realize that the Cincinnati fans dislike to see Tinker go, but they will have no kick coming when they see Herzog's snappy and aggressive style on the field."

John Anderson, a name which is spoken of in baseball only in jest, wants to be an umpire and has applied for such a job in the Eastern Association. Anderson will never live down his reputation, because he is the man who tried to steal second base with all the bases occupied. He lives in Worcester, Mass., and says that his 17 years in baseball warrants him a place as an umpire. Anderson is also the author of the "Anderson single." If you don't happen to know what the "John Anderson single is, it may be said, that it is, a hit which comes with two out, nobody on the bases and the pitcher coming up to bat. As a hit, it is quite useless. Yes?

Lannin President of Boston Club.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Joseph J. Lannin of New York and this city was elected President of the Boston American League Baseball Club to-day. He succeeds James R. McAleer of Youngstown, Ohio, whose interests, together with those of Chicago men, he recently acquired.

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Jerry Connell Has Never Played with Any Club Except New Haven.

Thirteen years in professional baseball without ever having figured in a sale, trade, release, or draft! This is the record held by Jerry Connell, manager and outfielder of the New Haven team of the Eastern Association. In these days of frequent changes by club owners, it is doubtful if a ball player could be found among the thousands in the professional ranks who could boast of any such record. For the past two seasons Connell has been manager of the team on which he played as a private for eleven seasons, and he is now arranging for his fourteenth consecutive season in a New Haven uniform.

There have been numerous instances where one player remained for many years with the same club, but usually a player drifts about from one team to another in his early years as a professional or is drafted for trial by a club of higher classification, but not so with Connell. He joined the New Haven team in the Summer of 1901, when the present Eastern Association was known as the Connecticut League, coming direct from the semi-professional ranks. He never played in a league under Class B rating, which the Eastern Association has always held, and he was never picked for trial in a league above that class. Furthermore, he survived the numerous trades in his own organization and has worked under four different club owners, the New Haven franchise changing hands three times since he joined the club.

Connell has always ranked as one of the most timely hitters in the organization. He is also fast on the bases and a clever outfielder. Up to the time he assumed the management, two years ago, he played regularly in the outfield, but as leader of the team he has not done so much active work. Yet he has never caught the eye of a major league scout, and failed even to attract the agents of the Class A leagues who annually look over the smaller leagues for talent. He has been a Class B star, strong enough always to hold his position, but not good enough to get a chance in faster company.

Connell has seen hundreds of ball players come and go during his long sojourn with the one club, and the present reserve list of the organization does not contain the name of a player who has been connected with the league within five years as long as Connell. He has seen every club in the organization change ownership one or more times—his own club three times—and the League circuit change about once a year. Since Connell affixed his first signature to a New Haven contract the league that has claimed him as a steady member has sent to the major leagues a bright collection of stars, the list including Ed Walsh and Jack Collins of the White Sox, Ira Thomas, Danny Murphy, Reggie Brown, and Jimmy Walsh of the Athletics, Charley Ward, owner of the Red Sox, Johnny Hummel of Brooklyn, Ray Fisher and Roger Peckinpaugh of the Yankees, Lefty Leverenz of the St. Louis Browns, Marsans of Cincinnati, Lefty Hough of Detroit, and numerous players who have passed out of the majors after attaining some fame. Of the latter list are Danny Hoffman, Doc Reisling, Pat Dougherty, Jack Lelivelt, Earl Gardner, Joe Casey, George Simmons, and Bob Unglaub, with dozens of others who dropped back to the minors after a short trial. With two or three exceptions, every player named above joined the Connecticut League long after Connell.

As a baseball landmark Connell holds the world's championship.

Lake Rides Fast Quarter Mile.

The Seventy-first Regiment A. A., which will stage the first series of track and field sports of the year in the armory at Park Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street, New Year's Eve, announces that entries will close on Saturday next. The most prominent athletes in the metropolitan district have been enrolled. That the bicycle event will be of championship calibre is evidenced by the preparations being made by the king pins of the cycling world, all of whom are centring their attention on the keenest sort of training work. Alfred O. Lake, the most recent of the champions on the bicycle, rode a quarter mile in the armory last night in 31 3-5 seconds, the fastest time ever ridden on a flat floor. When Lake and Goodwin, the indoor king, meet next week it is expected that a great race will be contested.

COLUMBIA AND YALE TIE FOR CHESS TITLE

Princeton and Harvard Vanquished in Final Round of Play.

Surprises were plentiful in the third and final round of the twenty-second intercollegiate chess tournament, played at the Murray Hill Hotel, in this city, yesterday. The meeting ended in a tie between Columbia and Yale in spite of the fact that, at the close of play on Tuesday night, these teams were third and fourth in the race, respectively. Princeton's players, who held the lead at that time, were yesterday beaten by Columbia three games to one, while Harvard, victorious on the first day over Columbia by three to one, yesterday lost to Yale 8½ games to ½. The totals of Columbia and Yale were 6½ to 5½ each. Princeton, with 6 wins and 6 lost, dropped back to third place, and Harvard, with 5 to 7, brought up the rear for the second time in the history of these tournaments.

It was the closest competition ever held under the auspices of the league, and it was the second time a tie resulted, the first being in 1909, when Harvard and Yale scored 7 points each. The Tigers, however, on that occasion were weak contenders. Following the conclusion of play, arrangements were made whereby the tie will be played off in this city on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 3 and 4. The first round will be played at Columbia University, and the second in the library of the Manhattan Chess Club.

Previous to the beginning of play, scheduled for noon yesterday, the players were the guests at a breakfast tendered to them at the Yale Club by Edward A. Caswell, Yale '60, the originator of these tournaments. The cable match and a contest with the triangular college chess league were discussed. A. S. Jameson, Chairman of the Cable Match Committee, was authorized to open negotiations with Oxford and Cambridge. In the event of the latter failing to respond, as they did last year, an effort will be made to change the deed of gift so as to make possible a cable match with one or more German universities.

A. Lazinsk, Columbia representative on the Intercollegiate Chess Committee, was empowered to enter into negotiations with the Triangular College Chess League with a view to arranging an annual match on six boards between the two organizations. Lincoln's birthday, was suggested as the most favorable date for the first match. The question of a time limit for the Chyl tourney also came up, but it was voted to retain the one now in vogue, namely, eighteen moves an hour.

In the third and final round Columbia was opposed to Princeton and Yale played Harvard, the line-up, results, and opening being as follows:

COLUMBIA VS. PRINCETON.

COLUMBIA.		PRINCETON.	
Boards.			
1—H. E. Leede	1	K. E. Stockton	0
2—D. E. Ehrlich	1	G. W. Jarman, Jr.	0
3—E. F. Korkus	1	E. S. Carter	0
4—J. M. Bird	0	W. B. Chamberlin	1
Total	3	Total	1

Columbia played white on boards 1 and 3. The openings: 1, French defense; 2, Ruy Lopez; 3, the Knights defense; 4, King's gambit.

YALE VS. HARVARD.

YALE.		HARVARD.	
Boards.			
5—R. Beach	1	B. Winkelman	0
6—A. A. Quarles	1	P. M. Currier	0
7—G. D. Jeb	1	D. M. Beers	0
8—T. A. Lightner	½	W. M. Washburn	½
Total	3½	Total	½

Harvard played white on boards 5 and 7. The openings: 5, Queen's pawn; 6, Salvio gambit; 7, Ruy Lopez; 8, Ruy Lopez.

The summary of the entire tourney:

COLUMBIA.			YALE.		
Players.	W.	L.	Players.	W.	L.
H. E. Leede	2½	½	R. Beach	2½	½
D. E. Ehrlich	3	1	D. A. Quarles	3	1
E. F. Korkus	2	1	G. C. Jeb	1½	1½
J. M. Bird	0	3	T. A. Lightner	1½	1½
Total	6½	5½	Total	6½	5½
PRINCETON.			HARVARD.		
Players.	W.	L.	Players.	W.	L.
K. E. Stockton	½	2½	E. Winkelman	½	2½
G. W. Jarman, Jr.	1	2	M. Currier	2	1
E. S. Carter	1½	1½	D. M. Beers	1	2
W. B. Chamberlain	3	0	W. M. Washburn	1½	1½
Total	6	6	Total	5	7

Referees—R. Helms and J. Finn. Director of play—Louis Hein.

PENN BASEBALL OUTLOOK.

Coach Thomas Finds Nine Depleted by Graduations.

With the loss of five of its best players of last season and in order to make up for this deficit, the baseball authorities of the University of Pennsylvania have decided to start indoor practice during the second week of January, which will be two weeks earlier than usual. Roy Thomas, a graduate of Pennsylvania and a former player of the National League, will again be in charge of the team. He has ordered all the members of the squad who are still in college to report in the gymnasium on Jan. 12, while a number of the freshmen players will be called out a week earlier.

The situation of the Quakers for the coming season is one which will require a lot of bolstering. Not only must they build an almost new team, but they must elect a new Captain. Coleman, the star outfielder, who was selected to lead the 1914 team, has not returned to college, and a new election to fill the vacancy has been ordered. Chester Minds, shortstop and star football player, will probably get the position. This is his third year on the team, and he is easily the best of the veteran candidates. Graduation last June robbed the Red and Blue of six Varsity players, including Harry Imlay, ex-Captain, who joined the Phillies immediately after his graduation; Gordon, a catcher; Toomey, the star second baseman; Coryell, a third baseman, and Coleman, left fielder.

Coach Thomas is plainly worried over the present situation. Last year's freshman team contained some very good players, who, it is expected, will make good on the varsity nine this Spring.

The coming season's schedule is very much the same as that of last season. Two games each will be played with Princeton, Yale, Cornell, Michigan, Columbia and Brown. It is expected that the team will make its usual Spring training trip South. Every effort will be made during the coming season to put the sport on a self-supporting basis. According to the last report of the Athletic Association the treasurer states that the expenses last season were $2,000 more than the receipts.

News of Chess World.

In his exhibition of simultaneous chess given at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club, A. Kupchik, fourth prize winner in the Havana masters' tournament, played against nineteen opponents, making a score of 15 wins, 3 drawn games and 1 loss in the remarkably fast time of one hour and a half. J. Bernstein alone won his game from the young master, the drawn games being scored by Mrs. Goldmark, S. Goulets and E. L. Gluck. Following the exhibition Kupchik took part in a rapid transit tourney with a field of eight and won the first prize by defeating C. J. Belhoff, twin-estate champion, in the final round. Belhoff won second prize.

At the conclusion of the first half of the Brooklyn Chess Club's annual championship tournament a triple tie exists between R. T. Black, M. Schoeder, and J. H. Taft, Jr., each having scored 5 to 2. A. C. Cass was third with 3½ to 3½ and E. B. Heal fourth with 3 to 4. Four composers, D. J. Densmore, W. C. Bixby, W. M. de Visser, and P. Richardson, have entered the problem competition of the Brooklyn Chess Club, for which a prize of $25 has been offered. It is open to members only.

In a team match of two rounds between sides of fourteen players each the Paterson Chess Club scored a decisive victory over the West Hoboken Chess Club by a total score of 16½ to 11½. In the first round only 1 point separated the totals, Paterson winning by 7½ to 6½. In the second round Paterson clinched the victory with a score of 9 to 5. At the top board, J. H. Stapfer and J. H. White, two former State champions, met, Stapfer winning both times. At Board 2 C. E. Armstrong, State champion, scored 1½

HINKEY TO COACH YALE.

Open Football Will Be Drilled Into Elis by Famous Old End.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Frank Hinkey, famous star of the '90's, will be head coach of the Yale football eleven next fall. This announcement was made to-day by Captain Nelson Talbott, who is at his home here for the Christmas holidays.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Frank Hinkey, who has been appointed head coach of the Yale football team, succeeds Howard Jones, who during the past season began his work as Yale's first salaried football coach under a contract. Jones, it is understood, felt obliged to sever his contract in order to accept a lucrative business proposition.

Hinkey was graduated from Yale in 1895. He played end rush and Walter Camp and other football experts regard him as one of the best ends that ever wore the Blue, rivalling even such latter day stars at Yale as Shevlin, Kilpatrick and Bomeisler. For the first time in many years, Hinkey assisted in the coaching at Yale Field last fall, so he is conversant with conditions here. He is known to be an advocate of the open style of play and is a firm believer in the forward pass. It is, therefore, probable that Yale will show an attack next fall that will almost revolutionize the style of play in vogue here for several seasons past.

SOCKALEXIS DROPS DEAD.

Indian, Famous as Ball Player in 1895-6, Victim of Heart Disease.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 24.—Louis Sockalexis, a Penobscot Indian who won fame as a ball player, dropped dead of heart disease, while engaged in a logging operation in the town of Burlington to-day. His body was removed to his home in Old Town to-night.

Sockalexis was born 41 years ago. His paternal grandfather was at one time Governor of the Penobscots, and the family was prominent in the affairs of the tribe. Louis was an uncle of Andrew Sockalexis, the marathon runner.

Like his nephew, Louis Sockalexis was a natural athlete, and was able to run 100 yards in 10 seconds when at his best. He became known as a baseball player in 1895-96 when he played centre field on the Holy Cross team, his work attracting the attention of the big league scouts. In 1897 he was an outfielder of the Cleveland team of the American League. Afterward he played on the Hartford team of the Eastern League and with Lowell of the New England League, closing his baseball career with Bangor, of the Maine State League. For some seasons past he had officiated as umpire in local leagues.

MANY MEMBERS ELECTED.

New York Athletic Club Governors Pass Upon 160 Candidates.

At the special session of the Board of Governors of the New York Athletic Club held last night, 100 new members were elected under the provisions of the recently enacted clause which legalized the acceptance of new men upon the fee of $100 and the payment of the semi-annual dues of $80. This number, with the sixty members elected at the session a week ago, sends the list well up toward the 3,500 mark, which, when reached with the waiting list of 400, will put an end to the proposition of admitting new members at a figure less than $200, which will obtain when the maximum is reached.

The sum of money which accrues through the payment of $130 each by the 160 men elected will be an important financial factor toward the payment of the debenture bonds which fall due in 1915, which have given the management much concern recently.

The club has passed through its most prosperous season of recent years, as is expected to be made manifest by the announcement by the Treasurer that a profit of $90,000 will be shown by the year's business.

TO HONOR GIANNINI.

Banquet to be Tendered to New York Athletic Club Director.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the New York Athletic Club, held in the clubhouse in Central Park South last night, it was decided to tender to Eugene J. Giannini, the athletic director of the Winged Foot organization, a testimonial banquet on the evening of Jan. 6, at Travers Island, the country home of the club. Members will present Giannini with a silver service.

Giannini will take hold of the work of the Yale oarsmen on Jan. 15, as head coach, assisted by Guy Nickalls, an English coach. It is stated that there is nothing in Giannini's contract to preclude his affiliation with the New York Athletic Club as far as the training of the Winged Foot crews in the Summer is concerned, and that "Gene" will drill the oarsmen at Travers Island during the Summer months as heretofore. There will be no one engaged as assistant coach at the New York Athletic Club.

NAVY WINS AT BASKET BALL.

Yale Excels Middies in Second Period After Poor Start.

Special to The New York Times.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 24.—Securing a big lead in the first period, the Midshipmen won from Yale at basket ball this afternoon by 34 to 23, though they were outplayed in the final period. The first half ended, 22 to 6, in favor of the Midshipmen, Yale playing a loose game and often bunching all of its men down the court, which gave the Midshipmen an easy chance for a goal after a long pass.

It looked like a new team in the second half, Yale playing a fast, skillful, and aggressive game during the whole time and really outplaying the Midshipmen. Adams and Wilkes starred for the Navy, while Stackpole and Dunn did the best work for Yale. Summary and line-up:

Naval Academy.	Positions.	Yale.
Vickery	Left forward	Olsen
Smith, (Capt.).	Right forward	Stackpole
Adams	Centre	Pitt
Wilkes	Right guard	(Capt.) Dunn
Overeach	Left guard	Conway

Substitutions—Navy: Moran for Vickery, Jenkins for Moran. Yale: Weiner for Pitt, Stackpole for Weiner, Bickford for Stackpole. Goals from field—Wilkes, 6; Adams, 5; Smith, 2; Vickery, Moran, Jenks, Stackpole, 4; Dunn 2; Olsen, 2; Weiner, Bickford. Goals from foul line—Smith, 2, (six chances;) Stackpole, 2, (three chances;) Dunn, (three chances.) Referee—Mr. Sturdy, St. John's. Umpire—Mr. Lamberton, University of Pennsylvania. Time of halves—Twenty minutes each.

Rochester Defeats C. C. N. Y.

Special to The New York Times.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Unexcelled passing by the College of the City of New York drew no reward to-night, Rochester presenting a tight defense and swamping the Manhattan team, 55 to 13. Line-up:

Rochester.	Positions.	C. C. N. Y.
Schoen	Right forward	Southwick
Remington, Neary, Woodhams	Left forward	Manne
Neary, Witney	Centre	Hanley, Feldman
Lanni, Neary	Left guard	Weinfeld, Recca
Hale	Right guard	Schuelberg

Goals from the field—Schoen, 8; Remington, 8; Neary, 5; Woodhams, Manne, Feldman, Hanley, Recca. Goals from foul—Schoen, 3; Schuelberg, 5. Referee—Crawshaw. Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

Martin Defeats Dalton with Cue.

Charles W. Martin was an easy victor over J. Dalton last night in the third game of the amateur Class C 18.2 balk line billiard tournament at Keeney's Knickerbocker Academy in Brooklyn by the score of 200 to 130. Martin gained the lead at the start of the contest and maintained safe advantage throughout, finishing his string of 200 points in forty-six innings. This gave him an average of 4 10-46, and he made high runs of 34, 24, and 12. Dalton's best efforts were runs of 18, 17, and 16, with an average of 3 24-45. The tournament will be continued to-morrow evening.

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CYCLE CAR RACES TO BE ENCOURAGED

Contest Board of A. A. A. to Classify Vehicle and Govern Competition.

The Contest Board of the American Automobile Association has decided to recognize the cycle car for competitive events. The marked enthusiasm among the makers of the cycle cars, together with their growing popularity with the public and the relation of these self-propelled vehicles to contests in general, was the subject of an interesting discussion at the last meting of the Contest Board, and it was decided to modify the contest rules for 1914 and invite suggestions from the manufacturers of cycle cars with a view to embracing in the A. A. A. contest rules, classifications, and regulations governing contests for these vehicles.

Cycle car competitions have become very popular in Europe, where they are held in all seasons of the year. The economy and upkeep of these cars has resulted in a circuit of race meets which are increasing in number and popularity. The past three years has witnessed a growing interest in the vehicle in this country, and with the adoption of rules and regulations to govern contests it is probable that many meetings will be scheduled in the vicinity of New York City.

No application has yet been received from the Pacific Coast promoters for the Vanderbilt Cup and Grand Prize races. It was recently reported that the races would be held in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Cal., on Washington's Birthday, but, although seven tentative dates were assigned, including the Indianapolis 500-mile sweepstakes, no request for the two-road classics has reached the Contest Board. Chairman Schimpf of the board recently said nothing had been heard from the West regarding the races.

The Contest Board decided that inasmuch as automobile manufacturers throughout the country make up their individual schedule of the events in which they expect to have their cars compete during the year and arrange their contest plans accordingly, the attention of affiliated clubs and promoting organizations generally is called to the importance of at once fixing as closely as posible the date or dates of any contests which they might have in prospect in order that the Contest Board might be covering with them in arranging a more or less consecutive circuit as to localities and avoid possible conflict in dates.

For the past four years all drivers of motor cars in contests have been required to register annually with the Contest Board. Registry cars have been issued to drivers, which cards may be required to be exhibited to the referee or starter upon demand at any sanctioned event. Under the present rules in all road races in which the course is a dirt track meets fifty miles or more in length, or in practice therefor, the crew of a car must consist of both driver and mechanician, and for the first time the coming year all mechanicians will be required to be registered with the Contest Board.

The fee for registration of drivers has been increased from $2 to $3, and in addition to the usual registry card drivers will be issued a lapel button embracing the well-known wheel design of the A. A. A. and bearing the words "Registered Racing Driver," with the driver's registry number. The yearly registry fee for mechanicians will be $2, and they will be issued somewhat similar registry cards and lapel buttons.

Blank forms of applications for registry of both drivers and mechanicians may be secured from the Contest Board of its various representatives throughout the country upon request.

Requests for assignments of 1914 dates for motor car contests were approved and tentative dates were assigned contingent upon proper completion of all preliminary conditions prescribed by the contest rules. The assignment of dates follows:

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 500-mile race, May 30; Sioux City Auto Club and Speedway Association, 300-mile race, July 4; Tacoma Carnival Association, road races, July 3 and 4; Seattle Speedway, July 13 and 14; Chicago Automobile Club, Elgin road races, Aug. 28 and 29; Corona Auto Association, road race, Sept. 9; El Paso Auto Club, Phoenix road race, November.

CANADIANS HOCKEY HERE.

University Teams Will Compete for Trophy at St. Nicholas Rink.

Canadian 'Varsity hockey teams in a series of games to decide the Canadian college championship for an American trophy, and played in an American rink, will be a novelty for local hockey enthusiasts. A series has been arranged between Queens University of Kingston, Ontario; Toronto University of Toronto, and the University of Ottawa, to be played next week for a silver trophy offered for yearly competition by Cornelius Fellowes.

The first game will be played on next Tuesday, Dec. 30, between Queens and Ottawa, and on the following night the winner of the above game will cross sticks with the Toronto 'Varsity team. Both games will be played at the St. Nicholas Rink, and the event has already created considerable interest in local Canadian circles. These teams are composed of the best there is in amateur Canadian hockey experts, and while the games will be keenly contested, the novelty of such an event will enhance greater interest in it.

Should Enforce Tennis Rules.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Dec. 24.—Wallace F. Johnson, who was a member of the American tennis team which won the Davis Cup competition in England last Summer, in discussing the changes in the tennis rules proposed by the English authorities, declared that he believes the rules regarding service and foot faults should be rigidly enforced. He had been taught, he said, to keep both feet on or back of the service until the ball is struck.

"A man who adheres closely to the back court game rarely has a foot fault called," said Johnson. "There are, however, many men of national reputation who would suffer if the rules already on the statute books were rigidly enforced. Rigid rules will in no way embarrass the man who has a faultless service."

"DOC" TANNER RETIRES.

E. A. Tipton Will Have Charge of Mr. Billings's New Stock Farm.

The retirement of Dr. Charles Tanner from the management of C. K. G. Billings's stable of trotters and pacers removes from the light harness world one of its most notable figures. For the past two years Dr. Tanner has been in poor health and has repeatedly requested Mr. Billings to release him from the management of the former's trotting interests.

When Mr. Billings purchased Curlsneck Farm at Cotman, Va., on the James River, from Charles A. Lempft, Dr. Tanner renewed his request to Mr. Billings and the latter reluctantly consented, but asked Dr. Tanner to remain in charge until satisfactory arrangements could be made for his successor. Mr. Billings selected Edward A. Tipton, the head of the Fasig-Tipton Company, as general Superintendent of the stock farm, and Mr. Tipton will take charge of the horse department of the farm early in the new year.

It is the intention of Mr. Billings to make Curlsneck Farm the headquarters of the trotting breeding industry in the United States. He will remove all his stallions and brood mares from Lexington, Memphis, and New York and begin breeding on an extensive scale. Among the famous horses to be stationed on the farm are Uhlan, Lou Dillon, and The Harvester. Uhlan, the world's champion trotter, has been located at Curlsneck for nearly two weeks. It was expected that Mr. Billings would use Uhlan as a saddle horse in New York, but the transfer of the champion to Virginia indicates that he will be kept on the farm.

Curlsneck Farm is to be improved and new stables built. It will shortly be the greatest show place of its kind in the country. It contains 5,000 acres and is located about fifteen miles from Richmond. The dock extending into the James River will be used by Mr. Billings for his yacht, as the water is twenty-four feet deep. The cost of the stock and farm is estimated to be $750,000.

The Russian Government recently offered Mr. Billings $100,000 for The Harvester, and Mr. Billings also refused large offers for Lou Dillon and Uhlan.

HOLTZMAN WINS IN RING.

Outpoints Hughie Roden in Ten-Round Bout in Brooklyn.

Sammy Holtzman had his work cut out last night in outpointing Hughie Roden in the main event of ten rounds at the Vanderbilt A. C. of Brooklyn. Roden had an advantage of four and one-half pounds after having agreed to make 122 pounds. Holtzman also weighed 121. The superior cleverness and ring generalship of Holtzman stood him in good stead, and when Roden, a rough and ready boxer, essayed to mix matters Holtzman managed to elude him many times. For three rounds, at the beginning, Holtzman kept his man at bay with a series of left jabs and uppercuts, but after the fourth round he changed his style, using his right many times, but was not as successful in scoring.

Roden's best work was at close range, and in the clinches he did more effective work than Holtzman. Roden's right eye began to bleed in the eighth round and was puffed out, causing him considerable annoyance toward the end. Holtzman made a sensational finish, and was all over his man in the last two sessions, clearly outpointing him and setting aside any doubt as to his superiority.

In the semi-final scheduled for six rounds Charlie Smith, a clever negro lightweight, disposed of Kid White, a Manhattanite, in the third period after some unusually fast work. A right flush to the jaw put White down, and he had to be assisted to his corner, where it required several minutes to revive him.

WILLIE LEWIS IN A DRAW.

American Middleweight Boxes Marcel Moreau Twenty Rounds in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Willie Lewis, the American middleweight pugilist, and Marcel Moreau, the French middleweight, fought twenty rounds to a draw to-night. The men were apparently evenly matched, and the contest was witnessed by a large crowd.

In their previous fight last March Lewis defeated Moreau on points.

Bantams at Atlantic Garden A. C.

Three ten-round bouts will be staged this afternoon at the Atlantic Garden A. C., which will bring together six clever bantams. Eddie Coulon of New Orleans will hook up with Eddie Doyle of Philadelphia in the main event. In the second bout Johnny Daly, the clever Irish boxer, and Johnny Keyes will be seen in action, and in the opening ten-rounder Pinkey Burns will face Kid Murphy. The management of the club will present a gold watch to the most popular of the six boxers engaged.

Levinsky to Box Driscoll.

Battling Levinsky does not believe in remaining idle, and he will be seen in action again this afternoon at the Irving Athletic Club of Brooklyn, where he will box Jim Driscoll ten rounds in the main event of the holiday bill. The ten-round semi-final will bring together Willie Jones of Brooklyn and Harry Condon. Several good preliminary bouts have been scheduled.

AMERICAN ATHLETES WIN.

Sweep Everything Before Them in Athletics in New Zealand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A private cable received to-day reports that the team of four American athletes visiting the Antipodes is sweeping everything before it. In the meet held Saturday at Invercargill, N. Z., Templeton, of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, defeated Keddell, the champion of Australia, in the 120 yards high hurdles, covering the distance in 16 seconds flat.

James Powers of the Boston A. A. ran a dead heat with Forrester, giving him a handicap of 225 yards in the mile. The cable merely says that Powers's time was better than 4 minutes 25 seconds.

Caughey, of Ukian, Cal., a high school lad, put the shot 42 feet 4½ inches, which was 8½ inches better than the New Zealand record. For some reason unexplained Parker of the Olympic Club was unable to compete.

In the meet held on the Wednesday previous, the cable says, Americans made a clean sweep of all events.

AUTO CLUB WANTS STREETS TO BE SAFE

Indianapolis Organization Begins Campaign of Education—Shorter Atlantic City Route.

The Hoosier Motor Club of Indianapolis has started a campaign with the object in view of making city streets safer. It has made an appeal which says in part:

"We appeal to you to begin right now and exercise more caution in the use of the city thoroughfares, whether you are the driver of a vehicle or a pedestrian. This appeal is to every user of the streets. Make the effort for just one month and let every user of the street, whether pedestrian, motorist or the driver of horse-drawn vehicles, drop the veneer of stubbornness and indifference toward the safety of others and try by courteous treatment to facilitate progress and prevent accidents. Here are a few suggestions:

"Motorist—Drive slowly and more carefully, give the pedestrian right of way at crossings; a few seconds more will not delay you. Do not leave your car at night on the left hand side of the street with the headlights glaring in the eyes of approaching traffic. Drivers of horse-drawn vehicles—Keep well to the right, look behind you and raise your arm before you attempt to turn, help the motorist to make things easier for you. Pedestrians—Please do not cross the streets anywhere but at crossings and then look both ways before doing so. You have the right of way at crossings but not elsewhere. Suggest to your children that they play on the smooth side streets that are not generally used by vehicles."

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Upon the completion of the construction of a bridge across Barnegat Bay, from Seaside Park to Island Heights, an additional stretch of the New Jersey Ocean Boulevard will be opened to through travel. The distance and running time from New York and North Jersey coast points to Atlantic City and Cape May will be lessened considerably.

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The sales arrangement between the Reo Motor Car Company and R. M. Owen & Co. of this city ended this week. Hereafter the sales department will be under control of the manufacturing company at Lansing, Mich. Mr. Owen proposes to devote his time to an electric transmission which he has been perfecting under the Entz patent. The claim is made for this device that it does away with the shifting of gears, the gears themselves, the flywheel, lighting and starting systems, for all of which it is a substitute. Two models containing the device will be on view at the coming automobile show.

GARDEN POULTRY SHOW.

Rare Birds and Jungle Fowl to be Exhibited To-morrow.

Supt. Cleveland, the new Superintendent of the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, with an army of workingmen, has possession of the Garden and is covering the floor space in the arena and first balcony not required for aisles with benches to hold the cages for poultry, pigeons, and pet stock, varied with corrals and jungle scenery for rare wild birds. In one large corral in the main floor surrounding an artificial lake will be seen in their natural activities aquatic wild fowl from all over the globe. These rare birds are from the farm of one of the best-known American collector of these species, George D. Tilley of Darlen, Conn., who has contributed a loan exhibition to the show, which opens to-morrow.

In and on the shores of the artificial lake will be seen Demoiselle cranes, flamingoes, white and black swans, barnhead, Canada cackling, snow, Ross, bernicle, spur-wing, Egyptian, white-fronted, and bean geese; Mandarin, black East Indian, mallard, Formosan, teal, European pintail, red-billed tree, white call, gray call, redhead, ruddy sheldrakes, black, Indian spotted bill, Indian combed, and white-crested ducks. In eight cages on the arena floor, ring-neck, silver, golden, Lady Amherst, Swinhoe's, Impeyan and Reeve's pheasants and crowned pigeons. In four cages on the balcony, Hungarian partridges, white, killot's, and versicolor pheasants. In the crane cage, on the balcony in front of concert hall, Manchurian, hooded, Asiatic white, Australian, Stanley, crowned, Sarus, Japanese white-neck cranes, and white, colored, and black-shouldered peafowl.

Washburn Beats Parker at Net.

Only one match was played in the Seventh Regiment lawn tennis tournament yesterday

CUSTOMS EXPERT ON LACES TO QUIT?

Report That Karl Kaufman, in Charge of Swiss Embroideries, Is to Resign.

FRICTION WITH IMPORTERS

Treasury Department Commission to Investigate Confidential Agent Sailed Last Week.

Embroidery and customs circles in this city were interested yesterday in a well-authenticated report that Karl Kaufman, the Treasury Department's confidential agent at St. Gall, Switzerland, had resigned his post after fifteen years' service. Mr. Kaufman was charged with the preparation and publishing of the so-called stitch-rate schedule, which forms the basis for the computation of duties by the American customs officials, and in this capacity became well known to importers of embroideries in this country.

Strength was given to the reports of Kaufman's retirement when it became known yesterday that William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, had sent a commission abroad to investigate conditions in the Swiss embroidery centre. The commission, consisting of Supervising Special Treasury Agent Wheatley and Special Agent Esterbrook, sailed from New York last week. Importers have been complaining of the high percentage addition, as covered by the schedule promulgated by the Treasury Department a few months ago. Assistant Secretary Hamlin, in charge of the customs, after hearing the grievances of the importers, decided to send the special agents to St. Gall, with a view to eliminating the friction resulting from Kaufman's stitch-rate schedule.

The impression prevailed in well informed circles that Kaufman, learning of the departure of the commission, lost no time in filing his resignation. It is now assumed that the real purpose of sending the agents abroad was to investigate Kaufman's conduct of affairs, the matter of high percentages being of secondary importance.

The inquiry about to be begun is the latest episode in a long series of controversies and investigations centring around the Swiss embroidery industry in its relation to cost of production and other manufacturing details as a basis for the assessment of duty by the customs officials in this country. Up to 1898 constant warfare existed between the Government here and importers regarding the rates of duty to accrue on Swiss embroideries, the importations of which to this country now aggregate between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000 annually.

In that year George W. Whitehead, a special Treasury agent, evolved the stitch count of the goods as a basis for estimating the American duties. The plan was adopted by the Treasury Department, and Karl Kaufman, a retired Swiss manufacturer of embroideries, put in charge. Since that time much of the friction between the Government and importers has been eliminated, but complaints have been numerous regarding the manner in which Kaufman handled his official duties. Some of the complaints came from former competitors in the Swiss industry, while importers have at times criticised the former manufacturer's administration.

It was said yesterday on excellent authority that the Treasury Department has been seriously embarrassed for more than two years by friction between Kaufman and Dominic I. Murphy, the American Consul stationed at St. Gall. Report is that Consul Murphy complained to the Department of State that Kaufman invaded the prerogatives of the Consul's office in the matter of consulating invoices, and in other ways assumed jurisdiction properly lodged in the Consulate.

It also came out that the Treasury Department has been preparing for some time for just such a situation as the present. Last year Charles Spach, formerly an examiner of Syrian and other Eastern laces at the local Appraiser's Stores, was sent to St. Gall ostensibly to work with Mr. Kaufman as an assistant, but actually to learn the details of Kaufman's work, with a view to assuming complete charge of affairs should occasion require. The belief was expressed that whatever turn the present investigation takes, Spach will succeed Kaufman in charge of the preparation of the stitch-rate schedule.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, who was Appraiser of the Port in 1898, when the present method of assessing duties on embroideries was put into effect, said yesterday that the stitch-rate method of determining duties was absolutely contrary to law. Others, however, pointed out that it had proved the only workable method ever adopted.

ST. GALL MAN SENT TO TOMBS.

Swiss Consul Says Lessor Defrauded Embroidery Maker.

Joseph A. Lessor of St. Gall, Switzerland, was arrested yesterday at 258 Riverside Drive by Deputy Marshal Kuml on the complaint of the Swiss Government and was committed to the Tombs by Commissioner Shields without bail for examination on Jan. 7 in extradition proceedings.

In his complaint the Swiss Consul, Louis H. Junod, said that Lessor in 1910 and 1911, with intent to defraud Henri Failletaz, a Swiss manufacturer of embroideries, out of $30,000, represented to him that the stock of the St. Gallen Manufacturing Company of 476 Broadway was valuable. He then deposited certain blocks of the stock of this concern as security and obtained loans, which, it is alleged, he has since refused to repay.

The Swiss authorities say that the St. Gallen Company was already in financial straits when the transaction took place, and soon after the loans were made went into bankruptcy as the result of the collapse of M. G. Samuels & Co., importers and dealers in hats, of 16 West Third Street. The Consul made his complaint to the Federal authorities on the receipt of a cablegram from the Swiss Department of Justice and police, which said that Lessor was being prosecuted by the District Attorney of Zurich.

Henri Failletaz has also had personal interviews with the Consul, accompanied by his attorney, George W. Whiteside of 27 William Street. Before Commissioner Shields, Lawson R. Jones represented the Swiss Government and William H. Byrne appeared for Lessor.

FROM PERU TO BUY SEED.

Cotton Planter Looks for Big Development with the Canal.

From Lima, Peru, to Galveston, Texas, is a long distance for a farmer to come to buy seed, but Amador del Solar, a Peruvian planter, who arrived at the Waldorf yesterday after a trip through part of the American Cotton Belt, says that after five or six years cotton in Peru changes its characteristics, and he prefers every once in a while to import seed from this country.

"I have been planting cotton for twenty years," said Senor del Solar, "and raise about 5,000 bales a year. There are about 100 planters in Peru, and our total production runs to about 100,000 bales a year. We prefer to deal with upland cotton. Some of our long staple comes to this country, but our upland cotton goes largely to Europe. However, we now have several cotton factories in Peru, mainly at Lima, Arequipa and Ica. Their output is principally plain muslins.

"I was in this country ten years ago, and made a trip through the Cotton Belt, and this time I noticed tremendous improvement. I bought seed in Dallas, and at Yazoo, Miss. Cotton may be raised in Peru anywhere along the coast, and there is a tremendous lot of land to be had down there which is available for cotton growing. On my plantation I have a mill in which I use up my cotton seed, pressing out the oil and making soap, and then I ship the dry seed cakes to Europe.

"We have great hopes that one effect of the Panama Canal will be to develop our cotton industry, and, of course, with the coming removal of the tariff from sugar in this country, we anticipate the investment of considerable money in sugar cane growing in Peru. Already large areas are being prepared for bananas, which we will export to the United States in large quantities after the opening of the Canal. Another line of productivity which the new American tariff bill and the opening of the Canal is expected to develop is cattle raising. We understand that beef is very high in the United States, and it can be grown very cheaply in Peru. What we need in Peru is the advent of Americans with means and with brains to develop our agricultural resources.

"Already an American company has invested $50,000,000 in the development of the copper industry in our country, and it employs 1,500 Americans. There is room for many more."

Questions

Is the President's Vision True or Illusive?

Col. George Harvey answers it

IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

Is the Tango Harmful for the Middle Aged?

The journal of the American Medical Association sounds a note of warning. Read about it

IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

Is the College Student a Joke?

Frank Andrews Fall, Burser of New York University, answers this interesting query

IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

Are All the Dishes on a Menu Ordered?

Or are they only there to boast of the prowess of the chef? A hotel manager tells

IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

What Will the New Liability Law Do?

Alfred J. Talley, counsel for the State Superintendent of Insurance, writes of this

IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

Should the City Combine the Police and Health Departments?

They should at least be closely co-operative for effectively solving the crime problem, says Dr. Woods Hutchinson

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SCHMIDT PLANNED MURDER.

Alienists Tell of Priest's Stories About a Divine Command.

Dr. Carlos F. MacDonald, the first alienist for the prosecution in the trial of Hans Schmidt for the murder of Anna Aumuller, took the stand at yesterday's session before Judge Foster in Part V. of General Sessions. He quoted Schmidt as saying:

"You would not understand if I told you the reason why I killed her. I know and so does God. Now, they can kill me, and the sooner the better."

Schmidt told Dr. MacDonald that he felt relieved for a time after the murder. It was the relief, he said, of a person who had accomplished a required act or command.

It was apparent that the prosecution intends to emphasize the fact that Schmidt, according to his statements, received the "divine command" to kill Anna Aumuller several weeks before the crime was committed, and that his reluctance to act indicated that he understood the nature of the deed he was contemplating.

Dr. M. S. Gregory of Bellevue Hospital, the last alienist to be called by the defense, said that he believed Schmidt was so obsessed with the thought of making a sacrifice that he had for the time lost the power to understand the character of his act. Dr. Gregory said, however, that if any one had been present to interrupt him, Schmidt would have been startled into a recognition of the fact that he was committing a crime.

The most detailed chart showing traces of mental disease in several branches of Schmidt's family was admitted in evidence, and explained by Dr. Jelliffe, one of the alienists for the defense. Different marks and colors on the chart indicate in Schmidt's relatives cases of insanity, suicide, delirium tremens, suicidal attempts, and cures in cases of mental trouble.

PAVLOWA ASKS DAMAGES.

Dancer Says Suits Are Intended Only to Injure Her Tour.

Anna Pavlowa, the Russian dancer, who is at present touring in this country with her own troupe and scenery as the Pavlowa Ballet, incorporated, brought suit yesterday through her attorneys, Blandy, Mooney & Shipman, in the Federal District Court against Ben H. Atwell, a theatrical man, and Simon O. Pollock, his lawyer.

She is asking for damages for more than $4,000 and an injunction restraining the respondents from prosecuting certain suits which they have brought against her in the courts of the District of Columbia and Cleveland. Her costumes and scenery have been attached in these cases. The dancer declares that she is in no way indebted to Atwell and Pollock, and their only motive in starting actions against her is "to harass, oppress, and annoy complainant; to vex and molest her with false and fraudulent claims; to interfere with her engagements and performances throughout the United States in an endeavor to make her fail therein, and to injure and ruin her in her reputation and ability as an artist and dancer by means of any such anticipated failures."

She asks that Atwell and Pollock be restrained from prosecuting the actions they have begun in the other courts, and that they be compelled to litigate any alleged claims against her in the Federal District Court here.

MANY STEEL MILLS IDLE.

Holiday Shutdowns to be for Longer Periods Than Usual.

Prospects of a Christmas shutdown of many steel mills for a period longer than in any preceding year are discussed in trade journals this week. The Iron Age says:

The holiday shutdown of iron and steel works which began Wednesday night has probably not been equaled in length or in the number of plants involved. The Steel Corporation has closed down practically all of its Northern steel works and rolling mills and they will remain idle until Jan. 2. Most of its blast furnaces in the Central West and the Chicago district will be banked for the same time. Steel companies generally are making a similar curtailment. In some cases the shutdown began Dec. 20 and will last until Jan. 5.

The finished steel market has grown quieter and little is expected from the last week of the year. At the same time inquiries are not wanting, and certain classes of manufacturing consumers have been sounding sellers as to the contract basis for the first half of 1914.

Reports are not all one way as to the attitude of the steel companies. In the chief tonnage group of bars, plates, and shapes no contracting for the first half of 1914 is reported and very little for the first quarter. Buyers do not consider 1.20c Pittsburgh attractive, but rarely has a lower price been made except for early delivery.

The Iron Trade Review says:

The iron trade fully shares the greater cheerfulness of the business world which has developed recently on account of the passage of the Currency bill and the disposition of the National Administration to co-operate with legitimate business rather than fight it. Buyers throughout the country are showing more disposition to contract for finished materials and even are willing to buy further into the future than the mills are willing to sell.

An extremely interesting development is the announcement that the Steel Corporation will be an active competitor in the American market of German and English makers of ferro-manganese. The corporation has already made a sale at about $2 below prevailing prices.

Dinner to the Sheriff-Elect.

Friends of Max S. Grifenhagen, the Sheriff-elect, will give a dinner to him on Saturday night at the Waldorf-Astoria. Louis Stern will be toastmaster. Among the invited guests are many of the city officials, besides Job E. Hedges, John D. Archbold, Chauncey M. Depew, Jr., O. H. Harriman, Louis Mann, P. G. Greenhut, and Samuel S. Koenig.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Incorporated to-day: Jos. Jonasson & Co., ladies clothing; $200,000. H. M. and Jos. Jonasson, Chas. Solomon; 19 W. 21st St.

Am. Shoe Repairing Co.; $100,000. Herman Weiss, Benj. Beekman, Fred. Zorn; 170 B'way.

Lowe Publishing Co.; $20,000. W. B. Devoe, H. S. Bracken, Werner Heidsick; 80 Maiden Lane.

Buffalo By-Product Coke Corp.; $12,000. W. J. Lynch, T. R. Ladler, E. P. Bigelow; 30 Church St., Buffalo.

William J. Burns International Films; $15,000. Wm. Abramson, Geo. Fitzgerald, Max Tahl; 309 Macon St., Brklyn.

Holcomb Cigar Co.; $25,000. M. C. and O. L. Holcomb, C. T. Logan; Binghamton.

Horace Sague & Son, garage, autos, &c.; $35,000. Horace, J. E. and Clarence Sague; Poughkeepsie.

McCord & Mabe, clothing, haberdashery; $10,000. P. F. McCord, Merce De Cain, L. J. Kersburg; 111 B'way.

Institution Supply Co. of America, textiles; $10,000. Walter McMichael, P. J. Leahon, G. B. McMichaels; 411 E. 240th St.

Pittsburgh Importing Co. of N. Y., food products and beverages; $10,000. Jos. Rossi, J. E. Demartini, Antonio Fazzino; 1,016 Simpson St., Bronx.

Chenowith Coureto Revetment Co., B'klyn, realty, stocks, bonds; $10,000. A. S. Chenowith, W. G. Friest, Fred. Snare; 233 B'way.

Kraal Terrace Realty Co.; $12,500. Hy. Greenfield, Sam'l Muchin, Sam'l McKibel; 1,879 Crotona Av., Bronx.

Capital increases: Clark Textile Co., Saratoga Springs, $200,000 to $1,000,000; Howell Book Co., N. Y., $50,000 to $100,000; Mason, Hilton & Co., N. Y., $50,000 to $65,000.

Vol. dissolution: Freehold & E. Windham Tel. Co., Jewett.

Pacific Mails.

Postmaster Morgan announces that mails of the following dates—Kobe, Dec. 2, and Yokohama, Dec. 3—which arrived at Seattle per steamer Tamba, were dispatched east at 7:10 P. M. Dec. 19, and mails dated Manila, Dec. 1; Hongkong, Dec. 4; Shanghai, Dec. 6, and Yokohama, Dec. 12, which arrived at Seattle per steamer Asia, were dispatched east at 11:25 P. M. Dec. 21, and mails dated Honskong, Nov. 24; Manila, Nov. 27; Shanghai, Nov. 29; Yokohama, Dec. 6, and Honolulu, Dec. 16, which arrived at San Francisco per steamer Persia, were dispatched east at 4 P. M. Dec. 23. These mails are due in New York on the mornings of Wednesday, Dec. 24; Friday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Dec. 28, respectively.

Transpacific Mails.

Japan, Korea, and China (specially addressed only) (via San Francisco)—Persia ..... Dec. 28

Japan, Korea, and China (specially addressed) (via Seattle)—Minnesota ..... Dec. 29

Japan, Korea, China, and Philippine Islands (via Vancouver)—Empress of Asia ..... Dec. 29

Hawaii, Guam, and Philippine Islands (via San Francisco)—U. S. Transport ..... Dec. 31

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SHIPPING AND MAILS.

Miniature Almanac For To-day.

Sun rises..7:22|Sun sets..4:36|Moon rises..5:39

THE TIDES.

	High Water. A.M.	P.M.	Low Water. A.M.	P.M.
Sandy Hook	5:22	6:00	11:55	11:53
Governors Island	5:52	6:27	12:31	12:00
Hell Gate	7:45	8:20	2:11	1:40

Arrived—Wednesday, Dec. 24.

SS President Grant, Hamburg, Dec. 13.
SS Ultonia, Naples, Dec. 8.
SS Lutetian, Rouen, Dec. 6.
SS Loveland, Belize, Dec. 16.
SS Ruperra, St. Lucia, Dec. 14.
SS Spiral, Nipe, Dec. 18.
SS Santa Clara, Charleston, Dec. 21.
SS Sacony, Port Arthur, Dec. 14.
SS El Monte, New Orleans, Dec. 18.
SS Strathgyle, Barry, Dec. 5.
SS Pawnee, Philadelphia, Dec. 23.
SS Diana, Matanzas, Dec. 18.
SS Mohawk, Jacksonville, Dec. 18.

Incoming Steamships.

DUE TO-DAY.

Majestic	Southampton	Dec. 17
Athinai	Palermo	Dec. 11
Kasanga	St. Lucia	Dec. 18
Cassell	Bremen	Dec. 10
Fornebo	Huelva	Dec. 9
Marengo	Hull	Dec. 10
Croydon	Rotterdam	Dec. 9
Metapan	Savanilla	Dec. 14
Laura	Algiers	Dec. 22
Caracas	Curacao	Dec. 17
Stephano	Halifax	Dec. 23
Proteus	New Orleans	Dec. 20
Huron	Jacksonville	Dec. 22

DUE TO-MORROW.

Franconia	Gibraltar	Dec. 17
Toronto	Hull	Dec. 12
Cedric	Liverpool	Dec. 18
Ancon	Cristobal	Dec. 19
Morro Castle	Havana	Dec. 23
El Alba	Galveston	Dec. 20
City of St. Louis	Savannah	Dec. 23

DUE SATURDAY.

Savoie	Havre	Dec. 20
Campania	Liverpool	Dec. 20
Philadelphia	Southampton	Dec. 20
Calabria	Palermo	Dec. 12
Delphine	Lisbon	Dec. 13
Paul Palix	Hull	Dec. 12
San Marcos	Galveston	Dec. 20
Apache	Jacksonville	Dec. 24

Outgoing Steamships.

SAIL TO-DAY.

	Mails Close.	Vessels Sail.
Pretoria, Hamburg	———	5:00 P.M.
City of Columbus, Savannah	———	3:00 P.M.
El Valle, Galveston	———	12:00 M.

SAIL TO-MORROW.

St. Louis, Southampton	6:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
Mandeville, Belize	9:30 A.M.	12:00 M.
Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Jamaica	9:00 A.M.	12:00 M.
Prinz Mauritz, Haiti	12:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Dominic, Para	———	7:00 A.M.
Mohawk, Jacksonville	———	1:00 P.M.

SAIL SATURDAY.

Bremen, Bremen	6:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
Brazos, San Juan	9:00 A.M.	12:00 M.
Saratoga, Havana	10:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
Seguranca, Nassau	10:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
Carl Schurz, Jamaica	11:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
Vandyck, Barbados	11:30 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
Guiana, St. Thomas	12:30 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
Algonquin, Turks Island	12:00 M.	2:00 P.M.
Minnetonka, London	———	10:00 A.M.
Czar, Rotterdam	———	3:00 P.M.
Chicago, Havre	———	3:00 P.M.
Denver, Galveston	———	1:00 P.M.
Yaquez, San Juan	12:00 M.	1:00 P.M.
Huron, Jacksonville	———	1:00 P.M.
Nueces, Tampa	———	1:00 P.M.
City of St. Louis, Savannah	———	3:00 P.M.
Antilles, New Orleans	———	12:00 M.
El Mundo, Galveston	———	12:00 M.

By Marconi Wireless.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., DEC. 24.

SS Cedric, Liverpool to New York, was 830 miles E. at 4 P. M.; due 27th, forenoon. White Star Line.

SS Marengo, Hull to New York, was 180 miles E. at noon; due 25th, forenoon. Wilson Line.

SS Majestic, Southampton to New York, was 322 miles E. at noon; due 25th, forenoon. White Star Line.

SCOTLAND LIGHTSHIP.

SS Proteus, New Orleans to New York, was 30 miles N. of Diamond Shoals at 8 A. M.

SS City of St. Louis, Savannah to New York, was 436 miles S. at noon.

SS Ancon, Cristobal to New York, was 735 miles S. at noon.

SS Rayo, New Orleans to New York, was 35 miles S. E. of Mississippi Bar at 7 A. M.

SS City of Everett, New Orleans to New York, was 240 miles N. W. of Tortugas at noon.

SS Lampasas, Mobile to New York, was 18 miles N. W. of Egmont Key at noon.

SS Morro Castle, Vera Cruz to New York, was 781 miles S. at noon.

SS Curityba, Nipe Bay to New York, was 365 miles S. of Cape Hatteras at noon.

SS Apache, Jacksonville to New York, was 11 miles N. of St. John's Bar at 7 P. M.

SS Nickerie, Trinidad to New York, was 1,240 miles S. at 7 P. M.

SS El Norte, Galveston to New York, was 119 miles S. at 6 P. M.

SS Caracas, La Guayra to New York, was 54 miles S. at 8 P. M.

SS Brilliant, New Orleans to New York, was 85 miles S. of Diamond Shoals at noon.

SS Huron, Jacksonville to New York, was 298 miles S. of Sandy Hook at 7 P. M.

SS Metapan, Santa Marta to New York, was 118 miles S. at 8 P. M.

Foreign Ports.

Arrived.

SS France, at Havre, Dec. 22.
SS Howick Hall, at Coquimbo, Dec. 22.
SS Egremont Castle, at Manila, Dec. 23.
SS Wapello, at Manchester, Dec. 23.
SS Kura, at Antwerp, Dec. 23.
SS City of Edinburgh, at Suez, Dec. 23.
SS Splendor, at Algiers, Dec. 19.
SS Mohican, at Copenhagen, Dec. 20.
SS Schilderum, at Batavia, Dec. 21.
SS City of Durham, at Singapore, Dec. 23.
SS Perugia, at Leghorn, Dec. 19.
SS Germania, at Marseilles, Dec. 21.
SS Carpathia, at Patras, Dec. 24.
SS Patria, at Palermo, Dec. 17.
SS Sant' Anna, at Naples, Dec. 24.
SS Aragonia, at Malta, Dec. 24.
SS Baron Minto, at St. Vincent, C. V.
SS Chicago City, at Bristol, Dec. 24.
SS Purus, at Rio Janeiro, Dec. 24.

Sailed.

SS Adriatic, from Naples, Dec. 23.
SS New York, from Southampton, Dec. 24.
SS Georgic, from Liverpool, Dec. 24.
SS Elstree Grange, from Barbados, Dec. 22.
SS Slam, from Rosario, Dec. 17.
SS Drachenfels, from Colombo, Dec. 21.
SS Beliagia, from River Plate, Dec. 22.
SS Woodfield, from Las Palmas, Dec. 22.
SS Denbigh Hall, from Oran, Dec. 23.
SS Minneapolis, from London, Dec. 24.

Passed.

SS Prins Willem V., New York for Havre, passed St. Michaels.
SS Dalmore, Calcutta to New York, passed Perim.
SS Ioannina, New York for Piraeus, passed Sagres.
SS Russia, New York for Libau, passed Brow Head.

Transatlantic Parcel Post.

Austria—Close at 9:30 A. M. Dec. 31, SS Ultonia, and at 11:30 A. M. Dec. 31, SS Laura.
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"The automobile," said Gov. Brown, "has taken the farmer away from his fields and therefore diminished his production of foods. Of course it was only natural that when automobiles got cheap and the agriculturist saw the banker and the merchant riding about in their cars he should feel that he could get a lot of pleasure out of doing likewise. Therefore he proceeded to invest in a machine himself, in many cases putting a mortgage on his place to do so.

"Instead of quitting work at sundown, as had been his custom, he took to leaving off at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to give his family a joy ride. Then, instead of getting up in the morning at 5 o'clock to milk the cows, he began to lie abed. He decided that he must have a 'hired man' to do all such work, now regarded by him as menial, and naturally the market for farm labor being limited and the price continually going up the expense of running his farm increased. He began to raise less grain, as a natural consequence, and then he found cattle raising too much trouble to look after, and he gave that up. Therefore he, with the rest of us, has had to buy beef at an extravagant price.

"On every possible occasion he has got into the habit of making an excuse for taking a holiday, and he welcomes the chance of taking his family (and himself) away for a little change of air. When I was a youngster, for a farmer to stop work during harvest time was considered little short of a crime. Last Summer, during the early part of July, I had occasion to make a business trip through Frederick County, Maryland, long one of the most prosperous agricultural sections to be found everywhere. Everywhere I found threshing machines standing idle in the fields and the wheat standing, drying up, while its owners were away holiday-making. Farmers throughout the county had seized the occasion of the celebration at Gettysburg for holiday-making, and they had packed themselves into their automobiles and gone up there on Saturday afternoon, and most of them remained until the following Wednesday, at what ought to have been their very busiest season. And, of course, their crops suffered as a result."

SURPLUS FOR GAYNOR FUND

Adamson Dinner Committee Turns Over $294 for Memorial.

The Executive Committee which had charge of the recent dinner given in honor of Robert Adamson held a meeting yesterday, and, to the surprise of the members, it was found there was an unexpended balance amounting to $294.40. Usually a dinner of this character winds up with a deficit. The members of the committee who attended the meeting, Luther B. Little, Thomas O. McGill, John W. McDonald, Stuard Hirschman, Charles Steckler, and David Ferguson, were puzzled for some time as to what disposition to make of the surplus.

Mr. McGill finally suggested that the money be sent to the Gaynor Memorial Committee, which proposes to erect an enduring monument in memory of the late Mayor Gaynor at the Brooklyn Bridge entrance. This suggestion was adopted, and Mr. Hirschman, the Treasurer of the committee, forthwith sent a check for $294.40 to James Speyer, the Treasurer of the Gaynor Memorial Committee. In view of Mr. Adamson's long association with the late Mayor Gaynor this disposition of the money was regarded as peculiarly appropriate.

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FINANCIAL MARKETS

Rise in Stocks Proceeds Again Briskly—Reading Company Rumors Exert Effect.

Although held in check for a time by further profit taking, the stock market became stronger yesterday as the session advanced, and closed with a noteworthy show of strength in a number of issues. There were some contrary movements, but the declines were not numerous enough to offer any large offset to the gains which were made by the great majority of stocks. The factor which exerted the largest influence on prices was a report that the Reading Company was one of the concerns negotiating with the Department of Justice, and that as a step to bring it within the law as interpreted by the Attorney General's office, some form of segregation of the Board which is to be appointed to carry out the law which has just been enacted. There is a very general disposition to go along in the establishment and trying-out of the new system, although more than one financial leader expressed the view yesterday that the new system cannot command the confidence which it ought to command unless the personality of the membership of the Federal Reserve Board is such as to leave no doubt that the system will be administered fairly and wisely.

The strength which the market showed could hardly be attributed in any important measure to what the President had to say at the time of signing the currency bill, for there was more or less disappointment voiced in the financial district over more than one phase of the President's remarks. The statement to which most reference was made was that which expressed the President's view that now for the first time in fifty years the machinery for free and uncontrolled credits was put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of the country. Perhaps Wall Street's inferences were carried far beyond anything which the President intended to express in this passage of his statement, but these inferences had at least the effect of keeping open the uncertainty which is felt in some quarters regarding the manner in which the new banking machinery will be operated—uncertainty which is tinged with uneasiness lest the inflationary possibilities of the law be availed of.

The trade news of the day was by no means unimportant, but the stock market having itself turned from the great depression into which it fell some weeks ago is more or less disposed to take the present recession in trade for granted and to assume that the upturn from this condition will not be over-long delayed. Whether or not that viewpoint be justified the fact that it is entertained by many people who have been convinced by the recent movement in the stock market that their previous misgivings were ill-founded causes less importance to be attached to current trade news. The prospect that an unusually large number of steel mills will be closed down for an abnormally long period over the holidays is suggestive of the present slackness in that important industry. Figures of more general application were applied in the fortnightly bulletin of the Railway Association, which showed that between Dec. 1 and Dec. 15 the number of idle freight cars increased from 57,000 to 101,000. A reduction in demand for freight cars is not unusual at this season, but the extent of the decline this year is larger than normal. The smallness of the anthracite coal movement and the dullness in the steel trade are contributing very importantly to the railways' showing. Reports indicate, however, that in many lines of trade production is much closer to normal than in the case of the steel trade.

METAL MARKET REPORTS.

At the Metal Exchange yesterday trading was quiet. Copper was steady. Lead was up 5 points in the bid, and tin was up ¼c in the asking price. The close bid and asked prices follow:

Standard copper—	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Spot		14.37½	..		14.37½
December		14.37½	..		14.37½
January		14.37½	..		14.37½
February		14.37½	..		14.25
March		14.37½	..		14.25
Lead	4.00		3.95		4.05
Spelter	5.15	5.25	5.15		5.20
Zinc	5.15	5.25	5.15		5.20
Tin	36.65	37.00	36.65		36.80

London prices yesterday, for copper and pig tin, compared with Tuesday, follow:

	Wednesday. £ s. d.	Tuesday. £ s. d.
Copper, spot	64 18 0	64 5 0
Copper, futures	65 5 0	64 15 0
Pig tin, spot	107 10 0	107 7 6
Pig tin, futures	109 5 0	109 5 0

The market ended quiet. Spanish pig lead £17 10s., unchanged. Spelter £21 7s. 6d., down 2s. 6d.

FOREIGN PUBLIC SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Asked.
German 3s	75	76
German 3½s	84½	85
Prussian 4s	97½	98
Amsterdam 4s	95	98½
Bavarian Government 4s	97¼	98
Bremen 3½s	82½	83¼
Hamburg 3s	77¼	78½
Saxony 3s	75½	76½
Berlin 4s	95¾	97
Cologne 4s	93½	95
Frankfort 4s	80½	87½
Munich 4s	93¾	94½
Nuremberg 4s	87½	89
Stuttgart 4s	81½	83

TOPICS IN WALL STREET.

Central Pacific's Position.

It had been taken for granted that among the four railroads and five industrial companies said to be suing for peace at Washington the Southern Pacific was in the front rank, but it developed yesterday that this company was not likely to reach an understanding with the Attorney General. Mr. McReynolds has not actually brought suit to compel Southern Pacific to sell Central Pacific, but he has promised that he would. Julius Kruttschnitt has let it be known that the best legal advice obtainable holds that the Southern Pacific need not rid itself of its Ogden line. It was pointed out yesterday that the Central Pacific was such an integral part of the Southern Pacific system that the Directors would not feel free to make any provision for its sale without the approval of the stockholders. The inference drawn from Mr. Kruttschnitt's remarks is that the Southern Pacific is preparing, not for a compromise, but for a long legal battle in the courts.

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Union Pacific Patient.

If the Southern Pacific had to sell Central Pacific the logical buyer would be the Union Pacific. In the efforts to untangle the Harriman merger, the conferees worked for a long time on the theory that Union ought to own its connection west from Ogden, but the attempts to reach an agreement on the terms failed, despite Mr. McReynolds's support. Union Pacific officials said yesterday that, so far as their company might be concerned in negotiations with the Department of Justice, it would be in no more advantageous position for the purchase of Central Pacific next week than two years from now. The Central Pacific is there, and is expected to be there for some time to come.

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Not Much for Charity Kettles.

Never before since the plan was hit upon had the financial district contributed so little change to the iron cash kettles and miniature chimneys set up by the Salvation Army, and the Volunteers of America each year as had been turned in up to Tuesday night. Yesterday a woman's band played around the kettles, with more enthusiasm than musical talent, to an admiring throng, and the contributions poured in at a pleasing rate.

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Activity Hinders Horseplay.

Between three and four times as many shares changed hands yesterday as on the day before Christmas last year, and one result of the pressure of business was a curtailment of the usual Christmas Eve horseplay on the floor of the Exchange. In the last half hour of yesterday's market the crowd around the Reading and Union Pacific posts seethed back and forth with all the vigor of some of the big days of 1906. Clouds of confetti and torn order slips were showered by their less busy colleagues on the brokers at these centres of activity without diverting their attention until the closing gong rang. The better tone of numerous stocks and the expansion of trading in many directions sent the Exchange members about their holiday making in a cheerful frame of mind. A lot of them realized that the year so far had been an exceedingly lean one, but the promise of increased interest in the market during the last few days was a sustaining factor in contemplating the future.

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Yesterday and a Year Ago.

Of a list of sixteen prominent stocks only one at the close of yesterday's trading stood above the final quotation of the corresponding day last year. This one was Reading, and only the unusual strength of the shares, as displayed in a rise of nearly 4 points, enabled it to stand as an exception to the others. Here is the list and the comparative prices:

	1913.	1912.
Atchison	101	101½
Baltimore & Ohio	92½	104½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88⅝	92½
Erie	28⅞	31¼
Great Northern pf	126½	130¾
Lehigh Valley	155½	171¾
New York Central	92¼	107½
Northern Pacific	109⅝	120½
St. Paul	100⅝	113½
Southern Pacific	105	106
Reading	170¼	167¾
Union Pacific	156	159½
Copper	75⅞	78½
Smelters	72¾	72¾
United States Steel	59⅝	67¾
Consolidated Gas	130¼	140½

While prices of these shares were for the most part substantially under those of a year ago, several that have been particularly lively in recent operations were within striking distance of their former record.

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Holiday Affects London Trading.

Participation by London in the local market was small, amounting to no more than 5,000 shares. The aggregate turnover was great enough to bring a balance of at least 30,000 shares for foreign account if trading conditions had been normal on the other side. As the London Christmas holiday includes three business days, the tendency was for traders to stay out of the market for a fresh start after the recess.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call loaned on Stock Exchange collateral at 3½@4 per cent., with the last loan at 3½ per cent. The renewal rate was 3½ per cent.

Time money rates were 5@5¼ per cent. for thirty days, 4¾@5 per cent. for sixty and ninety days and four months, and 4½@4¾ per cent. for five and six months.

Commercial paper was quoted at 5¾@6 per cent. for the best names.

Clearing House exchanges, $256,076,411; balances, $15,561,515; Sub-Treasury credit balances, $603,418.

The local banks have lost $2,393,000 on their Sub-Treasury operations since Friday.

FOREIGN RATES.

Discount rates abroad yesterday were: London, 4 15-16 per cent. for short and 4 13-16 per cent. for three months' bills; Berlin, 4½ per cent; Paris, 3½ per cent. Money was 4@4½ per cent. in London, and 4 per cent. in Berlin.

The Berlin check rate on London was 20 marks 50 pfennigs. The Paris check rate on London was 25f. 33c.

Sterling exchange was quoted as follows on the points noted:

CABLE AND SIGHT RATES.

Demand, sterling—High, $4.8525; low, $4.8510; last, $4.8510.

CLOSING RATES.

London—Cable, $4.8590; demand, $4.8510.

Paris—Cable, 5.21¼; check, 5.21¼ less 1-16.

Berlin—Cable, 94 13-16; check, 94 11-16 plus 1-32.

Switzerland—Cable, 5.21¼ plus 5-64; check, 5.21¼ less 1-32.

Holland—Cable, 40.08; check, 40.03.

Belgium—Cable, 5.24⅜; check, 5.24⅜ plus 1-16.

SIXTY AND NINETY DAY BILLS.

London—Bankers', 60 days, $4.81¼; 90 days, $4.79½.

London—Commercial, 60 days, $4.81; 90 days, $4.79¼.

Paris—Bankers', 60 days, 5.25 less 1-16; 90 days, 5.26¼.

Paris—Commercial, 60 days, 5.25⅝; 90 days, 5.26⅞ less 1-16.

Berlin—Commercial, 60 days, 90⅞ less 1-32; 90 days, 93⅛.

Amsterdam—Commercial, 60 days, 39.67; 90 days, 39.52.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE RATES.

Boston, par; Chicago, par; St. Louis, 10c premium; St. Paul, 15c premium; San Francisco, 35c premium; Montreal, 46⅞c premium.

SILVER QUOTATIONS.

Bar silver was 1-16d higher in London, at 26 11-16d per ounce, and unchanged in New York, at 57½c per ounce.

OUTSIDE SECURITIES

Curb Market Fairly Active and Most Issues Close the Day with Net Gains.

The outside security market was fairly active yesterday and generally strong. Atlantic Refining was again the feature of the oil group, advancing 18 points. United Cigar Stores rose ⅞ of a point on moderate trading. Maxwell Motors first preferred closed with a net gain of 2 points. New York State 4½s when issued sold at 104⅞ to 105, and Canadian Pacific 6 per cent. notes at 100⅝. Transactions reported were:

INDUSTRIALS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
200	Brit.-Am. Tob.	22⅛	23⅛	22⅛	23⅛
200	B.-A. T., new	22⅛	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
10	C. Rub. T. pf.	107	107	107	107
600	Manhattan Tr.	1⅛	1⅛	1 19-16	
200	Maxwell Motors	3⅝	4	3¾	3⅞
250	Max. M. 1st pf.	21⅞	22	21⅞	22
100	Max. M. 2d pf.	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
1,000	*Mays Oil	18	18	18	18
670	Pueblo S. & R.	2¼	2¼	2¼	2¼
1,500	Riker-Hegeman	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞
100	Tob. Prod. pf.	83	83	83	83
3,600	U. C. S. C., A.	94¾	95¾	94¾	95¾

STANDARD OIL SUBSIDIARIES.

600	A.-A. Oil, new	12¾	12⅞	12⅝
40	Atlantic Refin.	775	790	772
50	Buckeye P. L.	166	166	165
60	Indiana P. L.	138	138	137
20	Nat. Transit	40	40	40
5	N. Y. Transit	326½	326½	326½
175	Ohio Oil	147	145	145
10	Prairie O. & G.	428	428	428
228	St. Oil of Cal.	265	261	264
70	St. Oil of Ind.	418	410	418
24	St. Oil of Kan.	497	490	495
300	St. Oil of N. Y.	178	173	176
110	St. Oil of N. J.	401	400	400
70	Union Tank L.	91	90	94

MINING STOCKS.

500	*Beaver Con.	32	32	32
100	Boston Mont.	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
100	Braden Copper	6⅞	7	6⅞
1,100	*Can. Gd. Sil.	12	13	12
600	*Caribou Cob.	68	68	68
200	*Ely Central	3	3	3
10	Goldfield Con.	1 7-16	1 7-16	1 7-16
1,500	*Gold Hill	15	16	14½
25	Gr.-Can., new	30	30	30
1,000	*Greenwater	6	6	6
200	Kerr Lake	4 7-16	4½	4 7-16
500	La Rose Con.	2	2 1-16	2
100	McK.-Dar.	1	1	1
300	Nip. Mines Co.	7⅞	8	7⅞
100	Stewart	1 7-16	1½	1 7-16
3,500	Ton. Exten.	1½	1½	1½
100	*Ton. Merger	51	51	51
100	Ton. Mining	6½	6½	6½
920	*West E. Con.	1¼	1¼	1 7-32
3,000	West E. Exp.	5	5	5

BONDS.

$100,000	Can Pac. 6 p. c. notes	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
15,000	N. Y. State 4½s w. i.	104⅝	105	104⅞

*Sell cents per share. †Ex div.

Bid and asked prices of issues not traded in were:

INDUSTRIALS.

	Dec. 24. Bid.	Asked.	Dec. 23. Bid.	Asked.
Con Rubber Tire	39	40	40	41
Houston Oil	13	16	13	16
Houston Oil pf.	59	60	59	60
Int. Rubber tr. ctfs.	7⅛	8	7⅛	8
Lehigh V. C. S. Co.	180	190	180	190
Marconi of America	5⅞	4½	5⅞	4½
United C. Stores Co. of Am., pf.	110	112	110	112
U. S. L. & H. pf.	5	6	5	6
U. S. L. & H. pf.	20	25	20	25
Willys Overland	59	61	59	61

MINING STOCKS.

Arizona Belmont	3	3½	3
Bailey	5	6	5
British Co. Copper	2⅞	2¾	2⅞
Buffalo Mines	1 13-16	1 15-16	1 13-16
Butte-New York	1	1⅛	1
Butte & London	32	34	32
Combination Fraction	4	5	4
Crown Reserve	1 11-16	1¾	1 11-16
Con. Ariz. Smelting	3-16	¼	3-16
Cop. M. Con.	2	2½	2
Davis-Daly Cop.	1⅝	2	1⅝
Dome Mines	14½	15¼	14½
El Paso Con.	2¾	3	2¾
First National	2¾	2¾	2¾
Florence	21	23	21
Greene-Cananea	5⅝	6⅛	5⅝
Halifax Tonopah	1¾	1⅞	1¾
Hollinger	16¾	17⅛	16¾
Iron Blossom	115	117	117
Jim Butler	96	97	96
Mason Valley	3¼	3⅝	3¼
Mines of America	2	2½	2
Mispah Extension	27	28	27
Montana Tonopah	2⅜	2⅝	2⅜
Nevada Hills	44	46	44
Ohio Copper	5-16	7-16	5-16
Rescue Eula	8	10	8
Standard Silver-Lead	1 9-16	1¾	1 9-16
Tomboy Con.	14	15	14
Tonopah Belmont	7½	7¾	7½
Tri-Bullion	1-16	⅛	1-16
Tuolumne Copper	⅜	½	⅜
United Copper	⅝	¾	⅝
United Copper, pfd.	3	5	3
Victor Tonopah	25	27	25
Wettlaufer Silver M's	7	8	7
Yukon Gold Mines	2	2½	2

BONDS.

Braden Copper 6s	140	148	140
Chicago Elevated 5s	92	94	92
Con. Rub. Tire 8s	65	66	65
N. Y. City 4¼s, 1962	98½	99	98½
N. Y. City 4½s, 1960	99	99⅝	99
Western Pacific 5s	73	75	73

STANDARD OIL STOCKS.

	Wednesday. Bid.	Asked.	Tuesday. Bid.	Asked.
Anglo-Am. Oil	12	12½	12	12½
Atlantic Refining	770	780	760	780
Buckeye Pipe Line	166	167	163	166
Chesebrough Mfg.	670	685	670	685
Colonial Oil	120	130	120	130
Continental Oil	210	215	212	216
Crescent Pipe Line	52	55	55	57
Cumberland P. Line	60	65	60	65
Eureka Pipe Line	335	345	335	345
Galena-Signal Oil	165	175	172	187
Galena-Signal Oil pf.	134	137	134	137
Indiana Pipe Lines	130	132	135	135
National Transit	39	41	39	41
New York Transit	230	240	230	250
Northern Pipe Line	110	111	109	110
Ohio Oil	146	148	144	146
Prairie Oil & Gas	426	430	428	430
Solar Refining	335	385	325	335
Southern Pipe Line	235	242	241	244
South Penn. Oil	275	285	277	281
S. W. Penn. Pipe Line	140	153	140	158
Standard Oil (Cal.)	294	296	296	298
Standard Oil (Ind.)	410	415	410	414
Standard Oil (Kan.)	470	490	460	470
Standard Oil (Ky.)	610	625	610	620
Standard Oil (Neb.)	345	360	345	360
Standard Oil (N. J.)	402	410	399	401
Standard Oil (N. Y.)	170	174	170	176
Standard Oil (Ohio)	332	337	325	330
Swan & Finch	275	285	270	280
Union Tank Line	89	91	89	91
Vacuum Oil	194	197	194	197
Washington Oil	39	42	39	42
Waters-Pierce Oil	2,100	2,300	2,100	2,300

TOBACCO STOCKS.

	Dec. 24. Bid.	Asked.	Dec. 23. Bid.	Asked.
American Cigar	140	145	140	145
American Cigar pf.	91	92	90	92
British-American	23⅝	23⅞	23½	23⅝
British-Am., new	23½	24	23½	24
Conley Foil	285	295	285	295
Johnson T'n & M	145	185	165	185
J. S. Young	140	160	140	160
MacAndrews & F.	190	200	182	190
Porto Rico-Am. Tob.	215	225	215	225
P. R.-Am. 6% scrip	120	130	120	130
R. J. Reynolds	245	260	245	250
R. J. Reynolds 6% sc.	100	104	100	104
Tobacco Products	100	150	100	100
Tobacco Products pf.	82½	84½	83	84½
United Cigar Stores	95¼	95¾	94¾	95
United Cig. Stores pf.	110	115	110	115

PUBLIC UTILITY SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Asked.
Am. Light & Traction	534	537
Am. Light & Traction pf.	108	108
Adirondack Electric Power	9	11
Adirondack Electric Power pf.	44	46
Am. Gas & Electric	65	68
Am. Gas & Electric pf.	45	47
Am. Power & Light	55	60
*Am. Power & Light pf.	74	78
Am. Public Utilities	42	46
Am. Public Utilities pf.	70	76
Appalachian Power Company	8	10
Appalachian Power Company pf.	50	55
Cities Service	79	81
Cities Service pf.	95	97
Commonwealth P. R. & L.	54	56
Commonwealth P. R. & L. pf.	76½	77½
Denver Gas & E. gen. 5s	80	85
*Electric Bond & Share Co. pf.	97½	100
Electric Bond Deposit pf.	84	90
Empire District Electric 5s	75	80
Empire District Electric pf.	70	75
Federal Light & Traction	22	24
Federal Light & Traction pf.	70	75
Gas & Electric Securities	90	100
Gas & Electric Securities pf.	75	80
Mexican Light & Power	80	85
Montana Power Co.	87	89
Montana Power Co. pf.	94	96
Northern Ontario L. & P.	10	15
Northern Ontario L. & P. pf.	60	65
Northern States Power	13	15
Northern States Power pf.	67	69
Ozark Power & Water Co.	25	30
Ozark Power & Water Co. pf.	75	80
Pacific Gas & Electric	80	82
Republic Ry. & Light Co.	15	17
Republic Ry. & Light Co. pf.	65	67
Southern California Edison	83¼	83¾
Southern California Edison pf.	94	97
Standard Gas & Electric	6	7½
Standard Gas & Electric pf.	24¼	25
United Light & Rys.	75	80
United Light & Rys. 1st pf.	74½	76½
United Light & Rys. 2d pf.	70	72
United Utilities Co.	25	27
*United Utilities Co. pf.	97½	101
Utah Securities	15	17
Utilities Improvement	39	41
Utilities Improvement pf.	65	67
Western Power	16	17
Western Power pf.	47	49

*Ex dividend.

STOCKS OUT OF TOWN.

BALTIMORE.

STOCKS.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Last.
15	Am. Indemnity Ins.	47½	47	47½
20	Baltimore Elec. pf.	43½	43½	43½
55	Con. Power	104	104	104
22	Con. Power pf.	108	108	108
100	First Nat. Bank	147½	147½	147½
12	Merch.-Mech. Bank	33½	33½	33½
10	United Ry. & Elec.	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞

BONDS.

$1,000	City of Baltimore 4s, '61	95½	95½	95½
200	City of Baltimore 4s, '61, S. L.	95¾	95¾	95¾
1,000	City & Sub., Balt., 5s	102¼	102¼	102¼
1,000	Con. Coal 6s	99½	99½	99⅝
3,000	Davis Chemical 6s	98	98	98
100,000	Mt. V.-W. C. Duck 5s	47	44¼	46
2,000	Un. Ry. & E. inc. 4s	61½	61½	61½

BOSTON.

MINING.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Last.
37	Alumesk	265	265	265
1,050	Alaska Gold	21¼	21⅛	21⅛
290	Allouez	37½	35	37½
920	Amalgamated	73⅞	72½	73⅜
1,967	American Zinc	20	18⅝	19⅞
285	Anaconda	35¼	34⅝	34⅝
95	Arizona Com.	4¾	4¾	4¾
430	Butte & Bal.	3¾	3½	3⅝
885	Butte & Superior	31⅝	30¾	31¼
135	Calumet & Arizona	69¼	68¼	69¼
11	Calumet & Hecla	425	415	416
100	Centennial	15	15	15
25	Chino	38¾	38½	38⅝
470	Copper Range	36	34¼	36
88	East Butte	11¾	11¼	11½
100	Franklin	3	3	3
130	Granby	73½	72	73¼
21	Greene-Cananea	29½	29½	29½
60	Hancock	16	15½	16
25	Indiana	4¾	4¾	4¾
20	Island Creek	48	47	48
10	Isle Royale	20	19⅜	19⅜
15	Kerr Lake	4 7-16	4 7-16	4 7-16
130	Lake	7⅜	7⅜	7⅜
210	La Salle	8½	8¼	8 9-16
140	Mass. Consol.	2½	2¼	2¼
280	Mayflower	7⅜	7	7
50	Miami	22¼	21⅞	21⅞
100	Michigan	1	1	1
60	Mohawk	44½	42½	44½
1,063	North Butte	28⅜	28	28⅜
280	North Lake	1⅜	1⅛	1⅛
432	Old Colony	4½	4¼	4½
515	Old Dominion	50¼	49¾	50¼
20	Osceola	73¾	73¾	74
30	Pond Creek	18¾	18¾	18¾
10	Quincy	59	59	59
55	Ray Consol.	18⅜	18	18
150	Santa Fe	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
125	Shattuck	28	28	28
605	St. Mary's Land	33½	32⅝	33¼
825	Superior & Boston	2 13-16	2¾	2 13-16
440	Superior Copper	27¼	27¼	27¼
151	Tamarack	29	29	29¼
5	Trinity	4	4	4
2,198	U. S. Smelting	41⅜	40	41⅜
21	U. S. Smelting pf.	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
1	Utah Apex	1¼	1¼	1¼
25	Utah Consol.	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞
10	Utah Copper	49¼	49¼	49¼
115	Winona	1¾	1¾	1¾
28	Wolverine	45¼	45	45¼

RAILROADS.

28	Boston & Albany	184	184	184
20	Boston Elevated	87	86½	87
185	Boston & Maine	44	42½	43
18	Boston & Lowell	155	155	155
35	C. J. & S. Y. pf.	104	104	104
4	Fitchburg pf.	75	75	75
50	Maine Central	91	91	91
35	Mass. Electric	12¼	11	12¼
8	Mass. Electric pf.	64	63	63¾
770	N. Y., N. H. & H.	73	72½	73
1,378	N. Y., N. H. & H. rights	1	930	1
5	Old Colony	155	155	155
20	Union Pacific	156¾	155¼	155¾
54	West End St. R. R.	68	68	68

TELEPHONES.

1,366	American	123½	122¼	123⅝
70	New England	133	132	133

MISCELLANEOUS.

30	Am. Agr. Chem.	46¼	46	46¼
20	Am. Agr. Chem. pf.	90½	90¼	90¼
60	Am. Sugar	107	106¾	107
64	Am. Sugar pf.	112	112	112
27	Am. Woolen pf.	76¼	76¼	76¼
40	A., G. & W. I. pf.	16	16	16
50	East Boston Land	11	11	11
52	Edison	242	241½	241½
1,100	Edison rights	2⅞	2⅝	2⅝
78	General Electric	140½	140	140
35	Mass. Gas	90	90	90
35	McElwain pf.	98½	98½	98½
10	Pullman	152¾	151½	152¾
31	Swift & Co.	103¼	103¼	103¼
31	Torrington	28	28	28
10	Torrington pf.	27½	27½	27½
300	United Shoe M.	54	53½	53¾
100	United Shoe M. pf.	28	28	28
1,200	U. S. Steel	39½	38⅝	39½
15	U. S. Steel pf.	106	106	106

BONDS.

$1,000	Elec. & Pec. 4s	81¾	81	81
5,000	Interstate Ry. 4s	57⅞	57⅝	57⅞
4,000	Lehigh Val. Coal 5s	104¾	104	104
5,000	Phila. Co. con. 5s	85	83	85
1,000	Reading gen. 4s	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝
1,000	Spanish-Am. Iron 6s	100½	100½	100½

BOSTON CURB CLOSING PRICES.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bay S. Gas	15	17	Hollinger	17	17½
Begole	75	100	Houghton	2¾	3¼
Bohemia	11½	11¾	La Rose	2	2 1-16
Boston Ely	40	43	Majestic	22	24
Butte Cent.	25	27	Mex. Met.	37	39
Butte & L.	80	82	New Dorug.	1¼	1¼
Cactus Cop.	1½	2	New Baltic	50	60

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SAVINGS BANKS.

The Williamsburgh Savings Bank

Broadway and Driggs Ave., Brooklyn

Notice is hereby given that on and after the 20th day of January, 1914, interest at the rate of

FOUR PER CENT.

per annum will be paid to all depositors in this bank who on the 1st day of January, 1914, may be entitled thereto.

Money deposited on or before January 10, 1914, will draw interest from January 1.

E. B. TUTTLE, President.
CHARLES J. PASFIELD, Cashier.
BANK OPEN MONDAY EVE'G, 4 TO 7.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION

124th Semi-Annual Dividend

5 & 7 Park Place, N. Y.

The Trustees have directed that interest be credited to depositors entitled thereto at the rate of 4% PER ANNUM, payable on and after January 19th, 1914.

H. P. Hutchinson, Prest. W. H. Rose, Secty.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.
Atlantic Building,
NOS. 49 AND 51 WILLIAM STREET,
New York, Dec. 23, 1913.

The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed from January 1st, 1914, to February 5d, 1914, inclusive.

G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

FOUNDED 1803

221st Consecutive Semi-Annual Dividend

The Merchants National Bank of the City of New York,
42 WALL STREET.

December 24th, 1913.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. (4%), free of tax, payable January 2d, 1914, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 24th, 1913.

JOSEPH BYRNE, Cashier.

215TH DIVIDEND

Chartered 1799.

Bank of the Manhattan Company.

New York, December 22, 1913.

The President and Directors of the Manhattan Company have this day declared a dividend of 7% out of the earnings of the past six months, and an extra dividend of 1% for the year ending December 31st, 1913, free from tax, payable January 2nd, 1914, to Stockholders of record at the close of business December 26th, 1913. Transfer books to remain closed until January 2nd, 1914.

D. H. PIERSON, Cashier.

The Peoples Bank of the City of New York,
393 and 395 Canal St.

DECEMBER 18th, 1913.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH CONSECUTIVE SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on and after January 2d, 1914, to stockholders of record December 20th, 1913. The transfer books to close December 22d, 1913, and reopen January 2d, 1914.

WILLIAM MILNE, Cashier.

The Market and Fulton National Bank

New York, Dec. 23, 1913.

A QUARTERLY dividend of Three per cent. upon the capital stock of this Bank has been declared, payable, free of tax, on and after January 2nd, 1914. The transfer books will be closed until that date.

JOHN H. CARR, Cashier.

Merchants Exchange National Bank of the City of New York.

December 23, 1913.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after January 2, 1914, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 2, 1914.

E. V. GAMBIER, Vice-Prest. and Cashier.

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

DIVIDEND NO. 58

A quarterly dividend of Two Per Cent. on the capital stock of this Company has been declared, payable January 15th, 1914, at the office of the Treasurer, 131 State Street, Boston, Mass., to stockholders of record at the close of business December 24th, 1913.

CHARLES A. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

Hendee Manufacturing Company.

The Board of Directors have declared a quarterly dividend (No. 1) of one and three-quarters (1¾) per cent. on the Preferred capital stock of the Company, payable January 1st, 1914, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 26th, 1913. UNION TRUST COMPANY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

Transfer Agent.

THE MUTUAL BANK,
49-51 West 33d Street, New York.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of this bank held December 11th, 1913, a semi-annual dividend of Six Per Cent. was declared on the capital stock of this bank, payable January 2d, 1914, to stockholders of record December 22d, 1913. Transfer books to close December 23d, 1913, and reopen January 2d, 1914.

HUGH N. KIRKLAND,
Vice President and Cashier.

The German Exchange Bank

230 Bowery, New York.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of this bank, held December 16th, 1913, a semi-annual dividend of 10% has been declared on the capital stock of this bank, payable January 2d, 1914. Transfer books to close December 24th, 1913; reopen January 2d, 1914.

GEORGE KERN, Cashier.

REALTY AND COMMERCIAL COMPANY,
30 Church St.,
New York City, Dec. 16, 1913.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Realty and Commercial Company for the election of Directors and Inspectors of Election to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, No. 30 Church St., New York City, on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1914, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANK M. HILL, Assistant Secretary.

UNITED TRACTION AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,

JERSEY CITY, N. J., December 4, 1913.

A Dividend of ONE AND ONE-QUARTER PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of this Company will be paid January 2, 1914, to the registered holders of December 9, 1913. Transfer books will be closed on the 9th inst., and will be reopened December 15, 1913.

C. S. SWEETLAND, Treasurer.

GARFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
Fifth Avenue & Twenty-third St.,
New York, Dec. 24, 1913.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, a Quarterly Dividend of THREE PER CENT. upon the Capital Stock of this bank was declared, payable, free of tax, on and after Dec. 31, 1913.

The Transfer Books will be closed until Friday, Jan. 2, 1914.

A. W. SNOW, Cashier.

THE HANOVER NATIONAL BANK of the City of New York,

New York, December 23d, 1913.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a quarterly dividend of FOUR PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after January 2d, 1914. The transfer books will remain closed until that date.

ELMER E. WHITTAKER, Cashier.

THE BANK OF AMERICA.

New York, December 19th, 1913.

The Board of Directors have to-day declared a semi-annual dividend of fourteen (14) per cent., free of tax, payable January 2d, 1914, to stockholders of record of this date. The transfer books will remain closed until January 3d, 1914.

W. M. BENNET, Cashier.

INTERBOROUGH EARNS MORE

November Income $85,912 Above Figures for a Year Ago.

A considerable falling off in operating expenses is a feature of the report issued yesterday by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for the month of November and the five months ending on Nov. 30. These expenses in November were $1,041,755.90, a decrease of $47,845.96 from the operating expenses for November, 1912, which were $1,089,601.86. In the same way for the first five months of the present fiscal year there was a cut of $140,877.22 in operating expenses, the figures for 1913 being $5,175,973.30, as compared with $5,316,850.61 in 1912.

At the same time there was a satisfactory increase in the gross operating revenue. This in the month of November was $9,073.34—from $2,811,521.86 in 1912 to $2,821,495.20 this year, and in the five months ending Nov. 30 there was a rise in gross operating revenue of $180,382.63—from $12,774,340.61 in 1912 to $12,963,723.24 this year. The result is that the net corporate income for this November was $742,584.79, as compared with $656,672.16 last year, or an increase of $85,912.63, and for the five months ending Nov. 30 the net corporate income was $2,428,669.25, as compared with $2,107,057.62 for the same period in 1912, or an increase of $321,611.64.

50,000 SHARES TO EMPLOYES

Steel Corporation Offers Them at $93,750 Under Present Prices.

Employes of the United States Steel Corporation will be afforded the opportunity in January of subscribing to the corporation's common stock at $57 a share and the preferred at $105 a share under the profit-sharing plan put into effect several years ago. The stock may be paid for in instalments.

The corporation has set aside 25,000 shares of each class of stock for subscription, but it was said at the Steel offices yesterday that this does not mean that the men will be limited to these amounts. This year the corporation sold 34,551 shares of preferred and 25,793 of common to its workers at $96 for the common and $109 for the preferred.

The price to be asked next January for the common shares was $2.75 a share under the closing quotation for Steel yesterday while the preferred will be distributed at a figure $1 a share under the last price quoted yesterday.

101,545 IDLE CARS.

Freight Surplus Has Increased 44,311 Since Dec. 1.

The fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association, issued yesterday, shows there was a net surplus of idle cars on lines of the United States and Canada on Dec. 15 of 101,545, an increase of 44,311 cars since Dec. 1. In the two weeks the net surplus of box cars increased from 22,492 to 40,417, while the coal car surplus rose from 12,526 to 34,140.

The reports issued during the past two months have shown a steady increase in idle cars. The railroads are approaching the new year with a much greater number of cars unemployed than at the beginning of 1913.

Delay Granted in Anti-Trust Suits.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—The time within which the American Can Company and other defendants were required to file answer to the Government's anti-trust suit entered here Nov. 20 last, for the dissolution of the company, has been extended until Jan. 31, 1914. Judge John C. Rose, in the United States District Court, signed the order to that effect to-day, stipulating, however, that those defendants availing themselves of the extension must answer by that time on the merits of the case.

Sebastian Quits Rock Island Jan. 1.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The resignation of John Sebastian as third Vice President of the Rock Island Lines, reports of which were confirmed to-day, will become effective Jan. 1. Mr. Sebastian, who is 66 years of age, retires because of impaired health.

READING UP, NORFOLK DOWN

Reports of Anti-Trust Conferences Affect Them Oppositely.

Wall Street was greatly interested yesterday in reports that official of the Reading Company and of the Pennsylvania Railroad had been holding conferences with Attorney General McReynolds with a view to getting into tune with the Sherman Anti-Trust law by making concessions similar to those recently made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The Pennsylvania holds $62,000,000 of Norfolk & Western stock, or about 42 per cent. of the total. While the Government has made no attempt to prove a restraint of trade through control of the smaller road, it would prefer to have the Norfolk & Western independent again, and it is understood that the Pennsylvania management is quite willing to reach a friendly understanding with the Department of Justice.

The financial district took the reported conferences seriously, and, in fear of the effect on the market of an enforced sale of Norfolk & Western, the stock turned very weak, selling down to 100½, or 3½ points below Tuesday's close. At the end of the session it was off 2¾.

Reading, on the other hand, was active and very strong on the reported conferences, more than 146,000 shares changing hands, with an advance of 3⅛ points. Reading's strength was based on the expectation of an enforced distribution of assets in the event of an agreement to dispose of the coal properties or of its control of the Jersey Central.

Despite a report that the Southern Pacific was endeavoring to forestall Mr. McReynold's promised suit to compel a separation from the Central Pacific, interests close to the company said yesterday that there were so many considerations involved that the matter would be pressed to a determination in the courts if the Attorney General persisted in his views that the Southern Pacific could not legally retain the Central Pacific. Reports that negotiations for a compromise were under way were denied.

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

Reading was the great feature of the day on the Consolidated Stock Exchange. It changed hands to the amount of 19,040 shares, with the commission houses handling a large business in it. Bearing upon its advance there was a revival of "segregation" rumors, it being said that the company was likely to perfect plans acceptable to the Department of Justice. The whole market joined in the upward movement. At the start of the day there had been some hesitation and it looked as if some recent buyers were taking Christmas profits. There was a reflection of realizing sales, but offerings were well absorbed.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
3,650..Amal. Copper.	72½	74	72½	74
40..Am. Beet S....	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾
1,050..Am. Can.....	29⅝	30¼	29¼	30⅛
50..Am. Ice Sec....	23¾	24	23¾	23⅞
140..Am. Smelting.	63¼	65⅞	63¼	65⅜
30..Am. T. & T..	122⅝	122⅝	122½	122½
80..Anaconda Cop..	35	35½	35	35½
200..A., T. & S. F.	93¾	94¼	93¾	94¼
60..Balt. & Ohio..	92¼	92¼	92¼	92
60..B'klyn R. T...	88	88	88	88
1,240..Can. Pacific..	210⅝	211½	208¾	211½
140..Can. Pac. rts.	4⅛	4⅛	4	4⅛
190..Cent. Leather.	27½	27⅞	26⅝	27
160..Ches. & Ohio..	58⅞	60⅜	58⅞	60⅜
140..C., M. & St. P.	100⅜	100⅝	99⅝	100⅝
30..Chino Con.....	38⅜	38⅝	38⅜	38⅝
10..Con. Gas.....	129½	129¾	129¾	129¾
220..Erie.....	28⅝	29	28	28⅜
50..Gt. Nor. pf..	126¼	126¼	126¼	126½
40..Gt. Nor. ore cfs.	34	34	34	34
20..Inter.-Met....	15	15	15	15
220..Inter.-Met. pf.	60¼	60⅝	60¼	60⅝
480..Lehigh Val..	153⅛	153⅝	153½	153⅝
10..Mex. Pet.....	45¼	45¼	45¼	45¼
100..Miami Cop....	22⅜	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛
20..Mo., K. & T..	101⅜	101⅜	101¼	101¼
880..Mo. Pacific....	22½	23⅛	22½	23⅛
40..Nevada Con..	15¼	15⅝	15¼	15⅝
300..N. Y. Cent....	92⅞	92⅞	91⅞	92¼
280..N. Y. N. H. & Hartford..	72½	73¼	71⅞	73¼
50..Northern Pac.	100⅛	100¼	100¼	100¼
300..Pennsylvania.	100	100⅜	100⅛	100⅜
19,040..Reading.....	156⅝	170⅜	156⅜	170⅛
60..Rock Island..	13½	13¾	13¼	13¼
820..Southern Pac.	89½	90	89¼	90
50..Southern Ry..	23	23	23	23
10..Tenn. Copper.	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
20..Third Av.....	41¾	41¾	41¾	41¾
6,230..Union Pacific.	155	156¼	154½	156
20..U. S. Rubber.	56⅛	56⅛	56¼	56¼
7,880..U. S. Steel....	58⅝	59⅛	58⅝	59⅛
40..Utah Copper..	49¾	49¾	49¼	49¼
20..West. Un. T..	57½	57⅝	57½	57⅝
44,470				

MINING STOCKS.

400..Atlanta.....	.11	.11	.11	.11
400..Belcher.....	.48	.49	.48	.49
50..Goldfield Con.	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45
500..Gold. Merger..	.10	.10	.10	.10
200..Jim Butler....	.70	.70	.70	.70
500..Jumbo Ext....	.12	.12	.70	.70
500..North Star....	.38½	.38½	.38½	.38½
200..Ophir.....	.23½	.23½	.23½	.23½
200..Portland.....	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
300..Tono. Merger..	.51½	.51½	.51½	.51½
3,050				

BONDS ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Total sales Dec. 24, 1913	$1,859,000
Same day last year	Holiday.
Total year to date	491,117,920
Same period last year	666,557,000
Average closing price 40 bonds, with day's net change	86.17 +.15
Same day last year	Holiday.
	High. Low.
Range year to date	92.31 Jan. 10 85.45 Dec. 18
*Previous day's close, 91.54.	

N Y City 4s, 1958	95⅛	conv 4½s	
4,000.....		500.....	101¼
4½s, 1960		10,000.....	100⅝
2,000.....	100	gen 4½s	
6,000 c.....	100	2,000.....	101
4½s, May, 1917		C, R I & P gen 4s	
1,000.....	101⅞	3,000.....	83
4½s, May, 1957		Chi, Rock I & P	
5,000.....	103	Ry ref 4s	
4½s, 1963		7,000.....	71⅝
5,000.....	102⅝	2,000.....	71½
26,000.....	103	1,000 2d.....	71½
		2,000 3d.....	71½
Adams Express 4s		C, R I & P R R 4s	
1,000.....	74	1,000.....	49⅝
Am Sm Secur 6s		1,000.....	49⅝
5,000.....	103⅜	4,000.....	49½
5,000.....	104	3,000.....	49½
Am T & T cv 4½s		1,000.....	49¼
5,000.....	96⅛	10,000.....	49⅜
1,000.....	96⅜	3,000.....	49⅝
Am Wr Paper 5s		1,000.....	49⅜
5,000.....	71½	1,000.....	49⅞
10,000.....	71	1,000.....	50
Armour & Co 4½s		Chi, St P, M & O	
5,000.....	89¾	deb 5s	
A, T & S F gen 4s		3,000.....	100
15,000.....	92⅛	Colo Industrial 5s	
6,000.....	92¼	1,000.....	75½
10,000.....	92⅜	75	
25,000.....	92⅝	Col & So 1st 4s	
1,000.....	92⅝	5,000.....	91½
10,000 2d.....	92¾	ref & ext 4½s	
conv 4s, 1960		5,000.....	91½
2,000.....	94⅜	Corn Prod Ref s f	
A, T & S F 5s		5s, 1931	
1,000.....	94½	2,000.....	23½
Atl Coast Line, Lo		Det U Ry con 4½s	
& Nash col 4s		1,000.....	67¾
6,000.....	86	Dist Sec Corp 5s	
5,000.....	85½	1,000.....	63⅜
5,000.....	86½	1,000.....	63½
5,000.....	86⅝	12,000.....	63
B & O gold 4s		1,000.....	62⅝
1,000.....	90⅞	10,000.....	62½
registered		2,000.....	62½
1,000.....	91	13,000.....	63
conv 4½s		Du P de N P 4½s	
1,000.....	89½	5,000.....	63½
27,000.....	90⅜	10,000.....	86½
500.....	91	Erie 1st con 4s,	86⅞
5,000.....	90⅝	registered	
5,000.....	90⅞	1,000.....	80
Beth S 1st & ref 5s		1st gen 4s	
1,000.....	73¾	11,000.....	71⅜
1,000.....	73	Erie cv 4s, Ser A	
B R T gold 5s		1,000.....	73⅜
4,000.....	99¼	5,000.....	73½
5s, 1318		5,000.....	73⅝
10,000.....	96¼	Series B	
Cal G & Elec 5s		8,000.....	71½
5,000 5s.....	91⅛	Gen Motors 6s	
5,000.....	91¼	9,000.....	96⅝
Canada So con 5s,		Ill Steel 4½s	
Series A		1,000.....	83⅜
1,000.....	103¾	Indiana Steel 5s	
Carolina, Clinch-		2,000.....	98⅝
field & Ohio 5s		Insp Con Cop 6s,	
1,000.....	96½	sub r, full pd	
2,000.....	98	20,000.....	96
Cent Leather 5s		Inter-Met 4½s	
2,000.....	97	10,000.....	75¼
1,000.....	96⅜	5,000.....	75⅝
2,000.....	96⅝	4,000.....	75½
20,000.....	97	I R T 1st & ref 5s	
9,000.....	97⅛	1,000.....	95½
C of N J gen 5s		Iowa Cent ref 4s	
5,000.....	113¾	2,000.....	50
Cent Pac gtd 3½s		Lack Steel 5s, 1950	
7,000 2d.....	91	1,000.....	72
gtd 4s		Lake S & Mich S	
6,000.....	90¾	4s, 1928	
2,000.....	91	4,000.....	89
C & O gen 4½s		1931	
3,000 10f.....	91	5,000.....	88¾
conv 4½s		5,000.....	88
11,000.....	78⅜	Lig & Myers 5s	
C, B & Q gen 4s		1,000.....	96¾
1,000.....	90½	L & N unfd 4s	
Joint 4s		1,000.....	92¼
18,000.....	94	Mil, Spart & N	
Ill Div 3½s		Wn 1st 4s	
2,000.....	81½	1,000.....	90¾
Chi Gt Westn 4s		Mo, K & E 1st 5s	
5,000 20f.....	70	2,000.....	103
4,000.....	70½	Mo, K & T 2d 4s	
Chi, Mil & St P		1,000.....	74
gen 4s, Ser A		Mo, K & T of T 5s	
2,000.....	91½	1,000.....	98
		Mo P 1st con 6s	
		10,000.....	103
		10,000.....	102⅛
5s, 1917		5,000.....	92¼
2,000.....	95	5,000.....	92⅛
conv 5s		5,000.....	92½
6,000.....	97	2,000.....	92¾
6,000.....	70	4,000.....	92½
N Y Cent. Lake		Jer C col 4s	
S col 3½s		2,000.....	91¾
4,000.....	76⅜	10,000.....	92
5,000.....	77	Rep Iron & Steel	
N Y & E 2d ext 5s		s f 5s, 1940	
1,000.....	101	1,000.....	90¼
N Y, E L, H &		R & Dany con 6s	
Pow col tr 5s		10,000.....	100⅝
1,000.....	101¼	St L & San Fran	
2,000.....	101⅜	R R ref 4s	
N Y, N H & H		7,000.....	76¼
conv deb 6s		5,000.....	76
1,000.....	106⅞	2,000.....	73½
cv deb 6s, w i		St L S W 1st 4s	
58,000.....	102⅞	2,000.....	83½
1,000.....	103	Seab Air L adj 5s	
N Y, O & W ref 4s		10,000.....	73½
1,000.....	84	3,000.....	73½
N Y Rwys ref 4s		So Pac conv 4s	
1,000.....	74½	2,000.....	85⅝
1,000.....	74⅝	22,000.....	85⅞
2,000.....	74⅝	3,000.....	86
1,000.....	75	8,000.....	86
10,000.....	74⅞	1st ref 4s	
5,000.....	74⅝	4,000.....	88⅜
5,000.....	74⅝	500.....	89½
5,000.....	74⅝	13,000.....	89⅜
adj 5s		22,000 5f.....	89
3,000.....	57¼	5,000.....	89
6,000.....	57¼	Southn Ry 1st 5s	
2,000.....	57½	3,000.....	102
1,000.....	57⅝	gen 4s	
40,000.....	57⅝	2,000.....	72⅞
40,000.....	57⅝	1,000.....	72⅝
10,000.....	57⅝	M & O col 4s	
9,000.....	57⅝	1,000.....	73¾
11,000.....	57⅞	Term Assn of St	
55,000.....	57⅞	L 1st 4½s	
26,000.....	57⅞	1,000.....	99¼
83,000.....	58	Texas Co conv 6s	
1,000.....	58⅛	2,000.....	99
20,000.....	58	3,000.....	99½
7,000.....	58⅛	Third Av ref 4s	
10,000.....	58	11,000.....	80¾
23,000.....	58⅛	4,000 c.....	80¾
1,000.....	58⅛	7,000.....	80¾
26,000.....	58⅜	10,000.....	80¾
2,000.....	58⅜	9,000.....	81
5,000.....	58⅜	adj 5s	
1,000.....	58⅛	4,000.....	75½
17,000.....	58¼	1,000.....	75¾
6,000.....	58⅜	Tol & O C 1st 5s	
85,000.....	58⅝	1,000.....	103¾
5,000.....	58⅝	Union Pac 1st 4s	
15,000.....	58⅝	1,000.....	95¼
10,000.....	58⅝	conv 4s	
11,000.....	58⅞	1,000.....	92½
50,000.....	59	500.....	92⅝
10,000.....	59⅛	4,000.....	92½
19,000 2f.....	59	500.....	93
5,000.....	59⅛	5,000.....	93
N Y Teleph 4½s		U S Rubber 6s	
1,000.....	94½	1,000.....	101¼
5,000.....	94¼	U S Steel C s f 5s	
N Y W con 4s		7,000.....	80⅞
3,000.....	93⅝	73,000.....	100
5,000 20f.....	93⅜	2,000 c.....	100¼
conv 4½s		27,000.....	100
3,000.....	103½	4,000.....	99⅞
10,000.....	103¾	4,000.....	100
5,000.....	103¾	16,000.....	99⅞
5,000.....	102¾	Va-Car Ch 1st 5s	
10,000.....	101¼	6,000.....	91¼
6,000.....	102⅛	Virgn Ry 1st 5s	
Pocah C & C 4s		2,000.....	97½
5,000.....	88½	3,000.....	97⅝
Nor Pac gen 3s		5,000.....	97½
5,000.....	64¼	Wabash 2d 5s	
8,500.....	64	8,000.....	94⅜
Nor Pacific 4s		Wabash R R ref	
3,000.....	92¼	& ext 4s	
5,000.....	92⅜	5,000.....	48¼
2,000.....	92½	25,000.....	48¾
Pac Tel & Tel 5s		Wab P Ter 1st 4s,	
1,000.....	96⅜	Cent Tr ctfs	11
Penn conv 3½s		25,000.....	
1,000.....	97½	Westn Electric 5s	
3,000.....	97¾	5,000.....	100
4s, 1948			
1,000.....	98⅝		
Ray Consol 1st 6s			
1,000.....	107		
Reading gen 4s			
6,000.....	92⅜		

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1913.

	Stocks, (Shares.)
Total sales Dec. 24, 1913	403,029
Same day last year	Holiday.
Total year to date	81,728,642
Same period last year	130,348,887
Average closing price 50 stocks, with day's net change	68.19 +.44
Same day last year	Holiday.

	High.		Low.	
Range year to date	79.10	Jan. 9	63.09	June 10
Same period last year	85.83	Sep. 30	75.24	Feb. 1
*Previous day's close, 78.47.				

	—Call Money.—			—Sterling Exchange.—		
	High.	Low.	Ren'al.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec. 24, 1913.....	4	3½	3½	$4.8525	$4.8510	$4.8510
Same day last year.		Holiday.			Holiday.	
Range year to date.	10	1	...	4.8790	4.8480	.....
Same period last y'r.	20	1¾	...	4.8785	4.8440	.....

Closing. Bid.	Closing. Ask.	Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Chge.
21½	21⅝	700	Alaska Gold Mines..	21½	21½	21¼	21½	+ ⅜
⅞	1	500	Allis-Chalmers Mfg..	8⅞	8¾	8¼	8¼	+ ⅛
74	74	38,000	Amal. Copper.....	73⅝	74	72⅝	73⅞	+ 1⅝
30½	30⅝	8,910	American Can.....	29⅞	30⅜	29¾	30⅜	+ 1
90	90½	700	American Can. pf....	89⅜	90¼	89⅜	90¼	+ ⅝
36	38	100	American Cities.....	36	36	36	36	...
60	60⅜	100	Amer. Cities pf.....	60⅜	60⅜	60⅜	60⅜	— ⅛
23¼	23⅜	300	Amer. Ice Secur.....	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	— ⅛
42¾	43⅛	300	Amer. Malt pf.....	42	42	42	42	— ⅞
63⅜	63⅞	1,220	Amer. Sm. & Ref....	62⅜	63⅜	62¾	63¼	+ ⅞
106½	107	800	Amer. Sugar Ref....	107	107	106½	106½	— ½
123	123½	2,500	Amer. Tel. & Tel....	122⅜	123⅜	122¼	123⅛	+ ⅞
247	248	300	Amer. Tobacco.....	245½	248½	245¼	248¼	+ 2¾
35¼	35¼	3,075	Anaconda Copper....	35	35¾	34⅞	35¼	+ ⅛
94	95	3,000	Atch., Top. & S. Fé.	94	94¼	93⅝	94	+ ⅛
98¼	98⅞	100	Atch., T. & S. Fé pf..	98⅜	98⅜	98¼	98⅜	...
38⅞	39½	100	Baldwin Locom.....	39½	39¾	39¼	39½	+ ⅛
92¾	93	1,200	Balt. & Ohio.....	91⅞	92⅛	91⅞	92⅛	+ ⅛
80	80¾	100	Balt. & Ohio pf.....	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝	+ ⅜
30½	31	600	Bethlehem Steel....	30	30⅞	30	30⅞	+ ⅜
69	69	100	Bethlehem Steel pf..	68	68	68	68	+ ⅜
88¼	88½	200	Brooklyn Rap. Tr....	88¼	88¾	88¼	88⅝	+ ⅝
25¼	27½	200	Butterock Co.....	25⅜	25⅜	25⅜	25⅜	+ ⅛
211	211½	14,850	Canadian Pacific....	211	211½	208¾	211¼	+ 1
...	91½	100	Case, (J. I.,) Co. pf..	91	91	91	91	...
26⅞	27	3,660	Cent. Leather.....	27	27	26⅝	26⅞	+ ⅜
94¼	94⅜	100	Cent. Leather pf....	94½	94½	94½	94½	...
60½	61	2,000	Ches. & Ohio.....	58⅝	60⅜	58⅝	60⅜	+ ⅞
11⅞	12¼	100	Chi. Gt. Western....	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	— ⅛
27½	28⅛	100	Chi. Gt. Western pf..	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	— ¼
100⅜	101	1,700	Chi., M. & St. P....	100⅛	100⅝	99⅝	100⅝	+ ⅝
127¼	133	100	Chi., M. & St. P. pf..	100⅛	100⅛	99⅝	100⅛	+ ½
126½	127	500	Chi. & N'western....	135¼	135¼	135¼	135¼	+ ½
39½	39¾	2,500	Chino Copper.....	126	126½	125⅞	126½	+ ⅝
26½	27	300	Colorado Southern...	38⅝	39⅛	38⅝	39⅛	+ ⅜
130	131	200	Consolidated Gas....	26½	26¾	26½	26¾	+ ⅛
98	99	500	Corn Products Ref...	130	130¼	130	130¼	+ ¼
150	151¼	300	Del. & Hudson.....	99	99	99	99	...
184½	185	425	Distillers' Securi...	151¼	151½	151¼	151¼	...
29	29¼	4,100	Erie.....	18⅝	18⅝	18½	18⅝	+ ⅛
44½	45	100	Erie 1st pf.....	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	+ ⅜
139	140½	200	General Electric....	44⅜	44⅜	44¼	44¼	+ ¼
35	36½	100	General Motors.....	140	140	140	140	...
19⅞	20⅜	2,800	Goodrich, (B. F.)....	36⅞	36¾	36⅝	36¾	+ ⅜
78½	78¾	700	Goodrich pf.....	78	79	78	78	+ 1⅛
126¾	127¼	900	Gt. Northern pf.....	126⅝	127⅛	126⅝	126¾	+ ⅛
128	129	100	Gt. N. pf. cfs. 80% pd.	128	128	128	128	+ ⅛
34¼	35	250	Gt. N. ctfs. for ore pr..	34½	34½	34¼	34¼	+ ¼
45	45⅜	20	Guggenheim Explor....	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝	+ ¾

LATEST CUSTOMS RULINGS.

Silk Muslin Goods Pay $3 a Pound —American Express Co. Loses.

The Board of United States General Appraisers denied yesterday a contention raised by William H. Stiner & son regarding the classification under the Tariff act of 1909 of silk muslin goods. Appraiser Higgins returned the goods as all-silk woven fabrics in the piece, yarn dyed, not weighted. The Collector at New York assessed the importations at $3 a pound, but not less than 45 per cent. ad valorem, under Paragraph 399. The importers asserted that duty should have been taken at $2.65 a pound under the same paragraph, as woven silk fabrics "in the gum." Judge Howell held that the testimony of the importers' witnesses was not convincing.

The American Express Company failed in a contention dealing with rates of duty on so-called tapestry boxes and baskets, which were assessed by the Collector at Boston under Paragraphs 349 and 402 of the old tariff and at 15 cents a pound and 60 per cent. ad valorem under Paragraph 1798. The importer contended the duty was 45 per cent. under Paragraph 352, as manufactures in chief value of cotton, or at 50 per cent. under Paragraph 326, as Jacquard figured goods. The express company's case was appointment of a commission to take the testimony of witnesses in France. The application was denied on the ground that the importers had been dilatory in bringing the case to trial.

Konig Brothers & Co., New York, imported merchandise which was returned for duty under the old act, at 4 cents a pound, as wool of the third class. The importers said that the merchandise was not wool, but hair, for which free entry was provided in Paragraph 683. The protest was sustained and the Collector ordered to reliquidate the entries on the basis of free entry.

Rowan Litigation Dropped.

Special to The New York Times.

TRENTON, Dec. 24.—With the consent of counsel for the petitioners the Supreme Court dismissed to-day the suit brought against Eugene S. Willey of Broad Street Park by Manuel Kline, Jr., of this city and Mrs. Mary B. Parker of Philadelphia. Kline and Mrs. Parker alleged that Willey was virtually holding as a dummy Andrew Kinsey Rowan, a wealthy man to whom they claimed relationship. Rowan denounced them as impostors and denied that Willey was detaining him.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

LANGE BROS, INC.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Lange Bros., Inc., wholesale dealers in gunban and Spanish cedar at 68 Greenwood Street, by these creditors: A. A. Barbati & Co., $1,315, in foreign drafts; Jacob A. Kirsch & Co., $116, and Yohalem & Diamand, $50. It was alleged that on Dec. 15 the corporation acknowledged its inability to pay the above foreign drafts, and transferred a large amount of stocks and the proceeds thereof. The business was started in 1877, and was incorporated on Feb. 7, 1906, with capital stock of $125,000, but had no rating in Bradstreet's. Liabilities are said to be $25,000 and assets $15,000.

HAEBLER & CO., INC., general commission merchants and selling agents at 79 Wall Street, have filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $69,004 and assets of $62,142, consisting of stock, $9,823; accounts, $9,109; claims, $40,363; notes, $620; office furniture, $220; cash in bank, $592, and 17 shares of stock of the Corbin Banking Company, $1,715. Creditors are the Cuba Company, $6,671; Bank of Manhattan Company, $2,350, secured; Latham & Co., $2,565, secured, and Johannes Nossum of Trondheim, Germany, $3,300, secured. The troubles of the corporation are attributed to going short of the market on evaporated apples. Of the liabilities $48,600 are claims for default in delivery and inability to make deliveries of evaporated apples to purchasers in Europe. The business was started in 1885 as a firm, and was incorporated on Jan. 18, 1912, with capital stock of $125,000. Paul Haebler is Secretary and Treasurer.

F. D. HOMANS, INC.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against F. D. Homans, Incorporated, dealer in automobiles, at 239 West Fifty-sixth Street, by these creditors; Veronica Kraus, $506; Nathan M. Guinsburg, $72, and Arthur W. Chatfield, $350. It was alleged that the concern was insolvent, had made preferential payments of $4,000, had transferred merchandise and accounts $3,000, and removed a large part of its property. Judge Holt appointed Irving M. Dittenhoefer receiver on application of Williams & Hamburger, and his bond was fixed at $4,000. Assets are said to be $7,500— In automobiles $5,000, and in accounts $2,500. It was asserted that on Tuesday night twenty-five automobiles were removed from the premises and some were stored in various garages. The corporation was incorporated on Aug. 7, 1913, with capital stock of $2,000, Frank D. Homans is President.

SAMUEL SANDBERG.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Samuel Sandberg, manufacturer of ostrich plumes, at 7 Great Jones Street, by these creditors: Santare & Fortney, $252; Frank E. Karelsen, Jr., $976, and Israel J. Schwartz, $108. Judge Holt appointed Leonard Bronner receiver. Liabilities are $11,000 and assets over $2,500.

L. FANTEL & CO.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against L. Fantel & Co., manufacturers of furs, at 15 West Twenty-ninth Street, by these creditors: Michael Shapiro, $218; Bernard S. Klein, $215, and Moses W. Scheinholz, $150. Liabilities are $8,000 and assets unknown.

M. S. GLOBE & SON, INC.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against M. S. Globe & Son, Incorporated, wholesale dealers in candy and tobacco, at 505 East 171st Street, by these creditors: Massachusetts Chocolate Company, $130; Boston Confectionery Company, $157; Trop Chocolate Company, $96; Auto Sale Gum and Chocolate Company, $75, and Marfeld Chocolate and Cocoa Company, $61. Judge Holt appointed John W. Irwin receiver, bond $2,000. Liabilities are $7,000 and assets about $6,200.

MORRIS SEIDEL.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Morris Seidel, manufacturing furrier, of 29 East Tenth Street, by these creditors: S. Michael Cohen, $200; D. E. Horowitz, $347, and E. S. Wheeler, $400, all on assigned claims. Seidel has been in the fur business since 1902, was a partner in two firms, and has been in business alone since October, 1913. Judge Holt appointed J. D. Bielsten receiver. Liabilities are $7,500, and assets $2,000.

MRS. C. E. STONE.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Lucille Stone, doing business as Mrs. C. E. Stone, dealer in shoes at 32 Cathedral Parkway, by these creditors: W. H. McElwan Company, $424; Merritt, Elliott & Co., $293, and Powell Shoe Company, $43. Liabilities are $1,100 and assets are said to be $50.

EDITH HABER, clothing dealer in Poughkeepsie, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities $6,392 and assets $1,433.

CHARLES COOPER, salesman, of 502 Wendover Avenue, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $4,634 and no assets.

HIRSHHORN & BRAUNSTEIN. — David Hirshhorn and Harris Braunstein, composing the firm of Hirshhorn & Braunstein, manufacturers of women's dresses, formerly at 5 East Fourteenth Street, have filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities $9,428 and assets $2 cash.

WILLIAM F. HAMBLIN & CO.—Schedules in bankruptcy of William F. Hamblin & Co., (corporation,) advertising agents, of 200 Fifth Avenue, show liabilities $25,440 and assets $8,496, consisting of stock, $1,648; accounts, $6,225; office fixtures, $500, and cash in bank, $35. There are nearly 500 newspapers throughout the United States which are creditors.

ALBERT BROTHERS.—Schedules in bankruptcy of Albert Brothers, clothing manufacturers, of 161 Lafayette Street, show liabilities $47,918 and assets $22,561, consisting of cash in bank, $11,649; accounts, $8,912; patterns and remnants, $1,000, and machinery and fixtures, $1,000.

NELSON, BURSTEIN & GUSSON.—Schedules in bankruptcy of Nelson, Burstein & Gusson, manufacturers of silk waists at 45 East Twenty-first Street, show liabilities $50,375 and assets $6,380, consisting of money paid to the receiver, $1,802; proceeds of sale of stock and machinery, $1,828; goods on memorandum at Portland, Ore., $600; equity in accounts, $400; claim, $1,440, and cash in bank, $310.

ABRAHAM M. ROSENTHAL — Schedules in bankruptcy of Abraham M. Rosenthal, manufacturer of muslin underwear at 129 West Twenty-seventh Street, show liabilities $7,193 and assets $7,002, consisting of stock, $1,500; machinery and fixtures, $2,000, and accounts, $3,502.

PETER ADLER.—Schedules in bankruptcy of Peter Adler, manufacturer of quilts at 37 West Street, show liabilities $5,581 and assets $2,013, consisting of accounts, $1,913, and cash in bank, $100.

JUDGMENTS.

Judgments for amounts more than $100 were filed yesterday, the first name being that of the debtor:

Berger, Max and Carl, and G. H. Fischer—Charles Abresch & Son, $3,727.
Brener, Samuel, and Oval Construction Co., Inc.—P. Yockel, $1,354.
Creighton, William S.—J. Anderson, $227.
Crabtree, John H.—Bayside Automobile Co., $414.
Coyne, Thomas J.—B. F. Mundy, $527.
Brukker, Roy—The Ansonia, costs, $123.
Brukker, Paul—Same, costs, $123.

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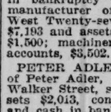

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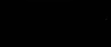

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COMMODITIES MARKETS.

The approaching holiday tended to restrict business in all the markets, except cotton. Wheat was inactive and practically unchanged at the close. Corn and oats declined fractionally. After early advances were scored, pressure was developed great enough to have declines of 3 points in several options. Provisions and cotton oil were irregular.

WHEAT.

The Christmas spirit pervaded the wheat market and there was a very small volume of business, while prices moved within a narrow range. The news of the day was not conclusive either way.

Liverpool and Paris will remain closed for the balance of the week, and the other Continental markets and Winnipeg will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Prices abroad were rather heavy owing to favorable reports from the Argentine, as well as more liberal offerings of native wheat in Europe, and there was little in the domestic situation to attract business.

The cash demand was light in all the markets, and very few export orders were in evidence, although this inactivity may be partially attributed to the season of the year. Receipts at Northwestern points were quite liberal, and stocks at Minneapolis showed an increase of 900,000 bushels the last four days. The Winnipeg movement was much smaller, however, and this seemed to have some influence on sentiment.

In the local cash market No. 2 red Winter wheat was quoted at 99½c elevator, domestic, and $1.01 f. o. b.; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 98½c f. o. b.

NEW YORK PRICES.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.	Last Year.
December	..	..	96⅜	96⅝	..
May	97 11-16	97½	97⅝	97⅝	..
July	..	..	94½	94⅝	..

CHICAGO PRICES.

December	87⅞	87⅝	87⅝	87⅝	..
May	90⅝	90⅜	90⅜	90⅝	..
July	87⅝	87	87	87⅝	..

CORN.

Trading in the corn market was moderately active, and prices were firmer early in the day, owing to covering on account of continued unsettled weather in portions of the West and reports that farmers were not willing to sell at present prices. Receipts at interior points were heavy, however, and offerings increased on the advance, resulting in a late decline, which left prices at the bottom, with net losses of ¼c to ⅜c.

In the local cash market new No. 3 yellow corn was quoted at 74½c, cost, insurance, and freight, to arrive.

CHICAGO FUTURE MARKETS.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.	Last Year.
December	.70	69¼	69¼	69⅝	..
May	69⅝	69¼	69¼	69⅝	..
July	69¼	68⅝	68⅝	69	..

OATS.

The oats market was inactive with small price changes but late in the day there was a partial decline under moderate liquidation and in sympathy with corn and final quotations were ⅛ to ⅜c net lower. The local cash market was quiet, standard white being quoted at 45⅜ to 45½c; No. 2, 46½ to 47c; No. 3, 45¼ to 46c; No. 4, 44½ to 45¾c; ordinary clipped white, 45 to 46½c; fancy clipped white, 47 to 48c, all elevator.

CHICAGO FUTURE MARKETS.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.	Last Year.
December	38⅞	38⅜	38⅜	39	..
May	41⅝	41¼	41¼	41⅝	..
July	40⅞	40⅝	40⅝	41	..

PROVISIONS.

The provision market was inactive, with small price changes, but the undertone was steady, and values were slightly higher in most cases, owing to an absence of selling pressure and influenced by a firmer tone to the hog market. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were 23,000; estimated for Friday, 30,000; Kansas City received 5,000, and Omaha 7,700.

CHICAGO FUTURE MARKETS.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.	Last Year.
Lard—					
January	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.65	..
May	11.02	11.02	11.02	11.00	..
Ribs—					
January	10.80	10.75	10.75	10.77	..
May	11.12	11.07	11.07	11.07	..
Pork—					
January	20.50	20.45	20.45	20.45	..
May	20.95	20.87	20.87	20.87	..

COTTONSEED OIL.

The cottonseed oil market felt the influence of the holiday spirit which pervaded all the other markets and the volume of business was very small and price changes were narrow. The spot demand was quiet, but some authorities were inclined to take a more optimistic view of the situation owing to the recent decline in values.

The range of contract prices in the local market were as follows:

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Spot	..	..	6.60@6.90	6.60
December	..	..	6.68@6.75	6.69
January	6.72	6.71	6.70@6.72	6.70
February	6.86	6.85	6.85@6.86	6.86
March	..	..	6.97@6.98	6.98
April	..	..	7.07@7.10	7.07
May	7.20	7.19	7.17@7.19	7.18
June	..	..	7.22@7.25	7.22
July	7.30	7.28	7.27@7.29	7.27

COTTON.

For the day before a holiday cotton showed unusual activity and a considerable price movement. The market opened firm, and 3 to 10 points higher, reflecting the strength of Liverpool, where prices were about 5 points better than due at the time of the local opening. Further commission house buying was a feature of the first hour here, in addition to support credited to spot houses and moderate covering by local short interest. Prices responded quite readily to this buying, and at one time were 10 to 11 points over the previous night. A renewal of buying power in the last hour carried the market up again 5 to 6 points from the lowest of the day, and the close was quite steady at a partial decline of 3 points.

Houses with Liverpool connections bought January and March here during the forenoon, supposed to be further undoing of straddles, but were sellers of May. For the day, Southern spot markets were unchanged, to ⅛c net higher, and it was the opinion of the trade that spot cotton showed an unusual response to any upward tendency in the futures market. It was estimated that the week's into sight would be around 310,000 bales, against 405,000 last week, and 442,000 a year ago. Over the eastern belt rain was forecasted for Thursday, and fair but generally colder weather over the western belt. It will be a holiday in all markets on Thursday, and Liverpool will, in addition, remain closed until Monday morning.

The local market for spot cotton was quiet and unchanged, at 12.60 for middling uplands; sales, none; delivered on contract, 400 bales.

The range of contract prices in the local market was as follows:

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	12.28	12.11	12.12@12.15	12.15
January	12.10	11.90	11.94@11.95	11.97
February	12.10	12.10	11.99@12.03	12.01
March	12.34	12.16	12.12@	12.01
April	..	..	12.16@12.20	12.18
May	12.29	12.18	12.16@12.17	12.18
June	12.27	12.27	12.16@12.18	12.18
July	12.30	12.13	12.18@12.19	12.19
August	12.10	12.00	11.98@12.00	11.98
September	..	..	11.70@11.75	11.71
October	11.70	11.61	11.59@11.61	11.59

COFFEE.

The coffee market ruled quiet, total sales for two days aggregating 37,750 bags. The Sao Paulo movement for the day showed considerable falling off. The Hamburg market was closed for the holiday, but there, after opening at a decline of ¼ to ½ franc, developed a steady tone, and closed net unchanged to ¼ lower. Prices in the Brazilian spot markets were unchanged both at Rio and Santos, and, owing to the election, there was no futures market at Santos. In the cost and freight markets Santos 4s were quoted at 11.45@11.75; 4s and 5s, 11.25; 5s, 11.05; 6s, 10.95, and Rio 7s, 9.00@9.10.

Local spot prices were unchanged on the basis of 9½c for Rio No. 7.

Contract prices follow:

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
December	..	..	9.06@9.10	9.05
January	..	..	9.11@9.13	9.05
February	..	..	9.25@9.27	9.19
March	9.38	9.30	9.39@9.40	9.33
April	..	..	9.52@9.53	9.46
May	9.65	9.59	9.65@9.66	9.60
June	..	..	9.75@9.77	9.70
July	9.86	9.81	9.86@9.87	9.80
August	..	..	9.94@9.96	9.88
September	10.02	10.00	10.02@	9.97
October	..	..	10.06@10.10	10.04
November	..	..	10.13@10.14	10.00

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

BUTTER.—Receipts yesterday, 5,977 packages. The shortage of yesterday was relieved, but there was fair trading, and prices well sustained, especially on the higher grades. Creamery, extras, 36½@37½c; firsts, 28@34c; seconds, 24@27c; thirds, 22@23c; held, extras, 32@33c; firsts, 27¼@31c; seconds, 23½@26½c; thirds, 22@23c; State dairy, finest, 31@33c; good to prime 26@30c; common to fair, 20@25c; process, extras, 24@25c; firsts, 22@23½c; seconds, 20@22c; imitation creamery, firsts, 22½@23½c; factory, held, 20@22c; current make, firsts, 21@21½c; seconds, 19½@20c; thirds, 18@19c; packing stock, held, 19½@20½c; current make, No. 2, 19@19½c; No. 1, 17½@18½c.

CHEESE.—Receipts yesterday, 1,822 boxes. Market generally firm on whole milk cheese, with inquiry for both medium grades and top qualities. State dull and easy on whole milk, held, specials, 17c; average fancy, 16¼@16¾c; State, whole milk, fresh specials, 16@16½c; average fancy, 16¼c; undergrades, 13@15½c; State, whole milk, daisies, held, best 17c; Wisconsin, whole milk, daisies, 16¾@16½c; tw'ns and flats, 16½c; State, skims, held, specials, 15@15¾c; held, good to choice, 11@12½c; skims, fresh, good to choice, 10½@11½c; skims, poor to fair, 6@10c; skims, full skims, or badly defective, 2@3c.

EGGS.—Receipts yesterday, 6,754 cases, domestic; imports, 225 cases, from Europe, 120 dozen to the case. Fresh gathered eggs are quieter. Storage in good demand. Nearby white eggs scarce. Foreign limed and refrigerator eggs in fair demand. Fresh gathered, extras, 36c; extra firsts, 34½@35c; firsts, 33½@34c; seconds, 31@33c; thirds and poorer, 28@30c; dirties, 25@27c; checks, 23@25c; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 28½@29c; refrigerator, lower grades, 23@27½c; State, Pennsylvania, and nearby hennery whites, fine to fancy, large, 44@45c; gathered whites, fine to finest, large, 43@44c; State, Pennsylvania, and nearby whites, fair to good, 40@42c; small or otherwise seriously defective, 35@38c; Western gathered white, 35@40c; State, Pennsylvania, and nearby hennery brown, 36c; gathered brown and mixed colors, 34@35c; fresh foreign, 120 dozen cases, fair to prime, 27@31c; held, fresh, 120 dozen cases, poor to fair, 24@26c; refrigerator, 120 dozen cases, poor to good, 24@26c; limed, 120 dozen cases, fair to prime, 23@24½c.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

BEEF.—Wholesale prices for Western beef cuts showed no changes yesterday.

SUGAR.—The refined sugar market was quiet and unchanged, on a basis of $4.10 to $4.15 for fine granulated. The raw sugar market also unchanged, with centrifugal quoted at $3.12, muscovado at $2.62, and molasses sugar at $2.37. The London beet sugar market was quoted at 8s 11½d for December and January and 9s 4½d for May.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS.—There was a fair demand for grocery grades of molasses, and prices were firm. The demand for syrups was light, and prices were unchanged.

RICE.—There was only a hand-to-mouth inquiry for rice, and prices were nominally unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market was dull and prices were nominal.

OILS.—Refined petroleum and linseed oil were steady and unchanged.

NAVAL STORES.—The turpentine market was quiet, and prices showed no change. Rosin was steady, at previous prices, and tar was dull and unchanged.

THE REAL ESTATE FIELD

Arthur Curtiss James Takes Title To Fifth Avenue Apartment Subject To $1,400,000 Mortgage—Madison Avenue Flats In the Deal—Bronx Corner Sold—Suburban Transactions.

In the announcement yesterday by the Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown Company of the sale of the five five-story flats at the northwest corner of Madison Avenue and Eighty-ninth Street, being 1,242 Madison Avenue and 17 to 23 East Eighty-ninth Street, there was a reminder of the deal made a short time ago in which Arthur Curtis James purchased the twelve-story apartment on the northeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Eighty-first Street from the Century Holding Company, composed of Lee & Fleischman. In addition to the four flats on the southwest corner of Amsterdam Avenue and Eighty-sixth Street, which were mentioned at that time as given by Commodore James in part payment, the Madison Avenue corner plot also figured in the deal, being another portion of the James holdings given in part payment for the Fifth Avenue apartment.

Title has just been passed to the Madison Avenue corner, 100.8 feet on the avenue by 104.5 on Eighty-ninth Street, and the Century Holding Company has given back a mortgage of $125,000.

Mr. James also took title yesterday to the Fifth Avenue apartment, a plot 102.2 by 125 feet, subject to a mortgage of $1,400,000.

Sale in East Harlem.

Edgar T. Kingsley has sold for Philip Reilly to Mary Healy the three-story brick dwelling at 101 East 101st Street, northeast corner of Park Avenue, on a lot 16.6 by 75 feet. Mr. Reilly purchased the property through the same broker in 1909.

Builder Buys Bronx Corner.

A builder has purchased from Hugh N. Camp, Jr., the one-story taxpayer, occupying a plot 70 by 115 feet, on the southwest corner of Park Avenue and 177th Street. The property has been held at $100,000, and will be improved with a four-story structure. Robert E. L. Mordecai negotiated the transaction.

Brooklyn.

Joseph Metzger & Co. sold for Siris & Malzman, operators, 109, 111, and 115 South Ninth Street, three four-story flats. The buyer, T. Siegel, is an investor.

The United Congregational Church at Lee Avenue and Hooper Street, has voted to sell its property and unite the Central Congregational Church, of which Dr. S. Parkes Cadman is pastor. The United Churches property is valued at from $65,000 to $75,000. Several offers, it is said, have been made for the property, one being from a Hebrew congregation for a synagogue.

Trades Farm for Kew Residence.

Mrs. Mary Gagin of Warwick, N. Y., has sold a large farm at that place to J. T. Gavigan of Kew Gardens, L. I., taking from the latter in exchange a residence at Kew Gardens. The aggregate value of the properties in this deal is about $60,000. The Boston Farm Agency negotiated the deal.

$127,000 New Jersey Deal.

One of the largest recent deals in Bergen County, N. J., was consummated yesterday at Hackensack in the office of the Bergen Realty Company, when former Mayor John Karl of Garfield, N. J., traded one modern apartment house, six two-family houses, and a brick tenement in Passaic to Harry Tompkins of Warren Point, Bergen County, for 125 acres of land, upon which are a number of buildings at Warren Point. The deal involves $127,000. It is understood that the buyer intends to subdivide the acreage and develop it.

Westchester County.

J. C. Gleason & Son have sold a plot of land on the corner of Centre and Crescent Avenues, New Rochelle, having a frontage on the New Haven Railroad of 123 feet, and on Centre Avenue of 100 feet, for a client for James S. Haviland. The property was held at $5,000, and was sold to Mr. Haviland by the same firm a very short time since.

Old Cafe Boulevard Leased.

The Café Boulevard, at Second Avenue and Tenth Street, has been leased by the Rosenfeld Realty Company, of which I. H. Rosenfeld is President, to Clinton M. Hall and Troy Alexander for a term of ten years at an aggregate rental of $200,000.

The name of the restaurant will be changed and extensive alterations will be made. Lewis H. May & Co. negotiated the lease.

Leases.

N. Brigham Hall and William D. Bloodgood, Inc., leased for the Columbus Arcade Realty Company for a term of years the store in the Thoroughfare Building, at 241 West Fifty-seventh Street, to L. A. VanPatten, New York agent for the Saxon Motor Car Company.

M. M. Hayward & Co. have leased for Pauline Chanin Hodges the five-story American basement dwelling, on plot 27 by 100, at 10 East Forty-ninth Street to a client for a term of years.

Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown Company, in conjunction with A. J. Robertson, have leased the entire sixth floor at 15 East Forty-seventh Strret for Amos R. E. Pinchot to the Kraemer Art Galleries of Paris.

Realty Notes.

Plans have been filed for installing a ballroom on the second floor of the five-story restaurant and office building at the southwest corner of Seventh Avenue and Fiftieth Street for the Chelsea Hotel Company at a cost of $7,000. S. B. Eisendrath is the architect.

A lis pendens was filed yesterday in an action to foreclose four mortgages aggregating $448,575 on the property at the southwest corner of Seventh Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street, plot 100.5 by 100. George C. Charles E., and William H. Hall, as executors of William H. Hall, are the plaintiffs. The Oregon Apartments Company, Henry Bergquist and Joseph A. Burdeau, as committee of the estate of Henry Bergquist, are the defendants.

RESULTS AT AUCTION.

The Auction Offerings of Real Estate Yesterday Were as Follows.

AT 14 VESEY STREET.

By Bryan L. Kennelly.

Church St, e s, block front between Warren and Chambers Sts, 175.10x24.8x175.10x25, five-story loft and store building; Albany County Savings Bank against Church & Warren Co. and others; Seybel & Pf., attorneys; J. Z. Lowe, referee; due, $197,146.08; taxes, &c., $3,810.90; withdrawn.

By Joseph P. Day.

6th Av, 476, e s, 43.6 ft s of 29th St, 20x75, four-story tenement and store, two-story extension; J. E. Britton against G. J. Humphrys and others; Ferriss & S., attorneys; Townsend Morgan, referee; due, $79,333.03; taxes, &c., $2,842.35; to the plaintiff for $75,000.

7th Av, 2,304-2,306, w s, 49.11 ft n of 135th St, 50x100, five-story tenement and store; Saranac Construction Co. against Joseph Davis and others; H. B. Davis, attorney; D. C. Glover, referee; due, $5,068.29; taxes, &c., $1,050.08; subject to two first mortgages aggregating $54,000; to the plaintiff for $1,000 over prior liens.

By L. J. Phillips & Co.

Bradhurst Av, s e corner of 147th St, 49.11x100, six-story tenement; I. H. Cohen against J. W. Fox and others; Gettner, S. & A., attorneys; J. J. Frank, referee; due, $6,587.90; taxes, &c., $1,225.37; subject to prior mortgages aggregating $51,000; to the plaintiff for $59,241.

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

List of Plans Filed for New Structures in Manhattan and the Bronx.

15th St, 512½, for a one-story store, 10x25.9; T. J. Dennis, 512 West 150th St, owner; O. Melin, 176 Wooster St, architect; cost, $150.

Dudley Av, n s, 75 ft w of Mayflower Av, for a two-story brick dwelling, 20.6x49; Fritz Gaertner, 771 Trinity Av, owner; Henry Nordheim, 1,087 Tremont Av, architect; cost, $5,000.

Alteration.

Items under $5,000 omitted.

7th Av, s w corner of 50th St, to a five-story restaurant and office building; Chelsea Hotel Co., premises, owner; S. B. Eisendrath, 500 5th Av, architect; cost, $7,000.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24.

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Manhattan.

ALLEN ST, e s, 146.4 ft n of Stanton St, 22.2x88; Max M. Bernstein to Frederick C. Callen, 115 Vanderbilt Av, quitclaim, Dec. 8; attorney, Lawyers Title Insurance Co., 160 Broadway $180

AVENUE D, 107-9, s w corner of 8th St, 60x50; Morris Shapiro to Moses A. Horowitz, 156 East 94th St, Nov. 7, (mtg $60,000;) attorneys, Lewkowitz & S., 73 Nassau St $1

DELANCEY ST, 242 and 244, n s, 50x75; Esther Langer to Annie Schneidin, 487 18th Av, Newark, N. J., all liens, Nov. 25.....$1

HORATIO ST, s s, 274.1 ft e of Washington St, 25x87.5; Horatio St, s s, 251.1 ft e of Washington St, 25x87.5; John J. Brady to May Bradley, both at 645 West End Av, b and s, Dec. 24 .....$100

LENOX AV, n e corner of Cathedral Parkway, 100x250; Winston Holding Co. to Juno Realty Corporation, 2 Lenox Av, Dec. 23; attorneys, Kantrowitz & E., 320 Broadway $176,900

LOT 6, Section 7, block 1,867 (tax map;) foreclosure tax lien, Nov. 24; Joseph D. Kelley, referee, to Arthur S. Lurid, 430 West 116th St., Dec. 24; attorney, Lawyers Title Insurance Company, 160 Broadway...$12,625

MADISON ST, s s, 104.6 ft e of Rutgers St, 26.3x100; Ada Abrahams to Rebec

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President Forrest F. Dryden announced yesterday the Prudential Insurance Company's new plan of service disability allowances for the home office force in Newark. More than 3,000 persons will be affected.

The plan provides that an employe who has been in the service of the Prudential for one full year shall, if sick or disabled, be paid in full for two weeks' absence, and in addition 35 per cent. of his weekly salary for an additional two months, if his disability continues that long. The length of time for which the disability allowance will be made increases with years of service. At the end of five years the allowance will be as follows: Six weeks' full salary for disability and 35 per cent. of salary for seven months, if disability continues that long.

This scale will be increased from year to year until the thirty-fourth year, when the company will pay full salaries for twenty-six weeks for disabilities and 35 per cent. of salary for five years, if the disability continues that long.

Employes who become disabled after twenty-five years of service will receive special consideration. Women employes disabled at the age of 60 and men at 65 may retire under the company's service retirement plan, by which he or she will receive an allowance of from $30 to $100 a month for the rest of life, according to years of service and salary average.

Under the plan the company will not allow a man who has been sick to return to work until his convalescence is complete. The company has specially provided that tuberculous employes, after three years of service, shall receive treatment, with traveling expenses, at the nearest sanitarium for twenty-six weeks. President Dryden said last night:

"The adoption of these plans gains for the Prudential, so far as we know, the honor of being the first life insurance company to put into effect systematic and comprehensive plans for the care of employes during temporary and permanent disablement."

INSURES ITS EMPLOYES.

National Bank of Commerce Adopts a Welfare Plan.

All clerical employes of the National Bank of Commerce in New York will benefit by a Christmas greeting in the form of a complete welfare plan, including group life insurance, group disability insurance, and pensions. Under this arrangement every officer and clerical employe of the bank is insured by the Equitable Life for the amount of one year's salary.

The disability plan provides payment of full salary in the event of disability arising from any cause during the first month, and 80 per cent. of the salary during the following twelve months, with the further agreement that thereafter 60 per cent. of the salary will be paid without limit during lifetime, conditioned upon continued disability.

Pensions are to be payable to all employes reaching the age of 65. The amount of the pension is 2 per cent. of the aggregate wage received during continuous service with the bank. The plans are broad in scope, and have been stated by actuarial authorities to be more complete than any yet adopted by any financial institution for the care and protection of its workers. The insurance goes into effect on the full group plan without medical examination, and every such employe receives a certificate to such effect.

Pensions are in the form of service annuities, and are unique in providing pension benefits to every such employe who reaches the retiring age. This means that there is no required term of service, such as ten, fifteen or twenty years in order to qualify for a pension.

EDUCATION NOTES.

City Superintendent of Schools Maxwell announces that those persons who desire to serve in the evening schools in the season of 1914-1915, and who hold day elementary or high or vocational school licenses, and whose records are satisfactory, may have their names put on an evening school eligible list. Applications may be made at the Board of Education Hall any day before March 1, 1914. Each applicant must agree to serve, if appointed, for the entire season, or for such part thereof as his or her services may be required, unless prevented by illness or other serious disability.

The name of James F. Driscoll, with a rating of 95 per cent., has been replaced on the eligible list of persons holding License No. 1. The name of Maurice Bellew of Lesbrahre, N. Y., has been put on the same list.

Dr. Maxwell announces the following eligible list for teacher of sewing in the elementary schools, and the respective ratings: Elsie Hers, 87.5; Louise Kingsbury, 84.75; Alida G. Smith, 84; Mary S. Hutchinson, 81.25; Irene L. Nightingale, 80.75; M. Evelyn Pratt, 78.75; Alma M. Richter, 78.5; Madeleine Lee, 78; Jessica R. Eagleson, 76.75; Edith E. Brown, 76.75; Margaret A. Kiernan, 75.5; Rose Sternglanz, 75.5; Albina J. Wygant, 74.5; Marguerite A. Curry, 73.25; Mary T. Fagan, 73; Catherine M. O'Donnell, 72.75; Violet Iser, 71.

The Board of Education has requested the issue of $500,000 corporate stock to bring the artificial illumination in the public school buildings to the proper standard of efficiency.

A class will be organized in the building of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 297 Fourth Avenue. It will be an annex to Public School 50, Manhattan.

It has been decided to keep open the evening recreation centre in Public School 164, Manhattan, on two evenings a week, to establish a recreation centre in Public School 10, Manhattan, and to keep open the evening recreation centre in Public School 146, Brooklyn, an additional evening each week.

Permission has been granted to the Principals of Public School 100, Brooklyn, and Public School 32, Queens, to hold graduating exercises in buildings not under the Board of Education's jurisdiction.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

City.

The mental test for Inspector of Iron and Steel will be held on Dec. 31. Fifty-four candidates have been notified to appear.

The receipt of applications for statistician was begun yesterday and will be ended on Jan. 9. Applications for interpreter of Yiddish will be received from Jan. 6 to Jan. 20. Applications for interpreter of Italian will be received from Jan. 8 to Jan. 22.

United States.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces for Jan. 5 an open competitive examination for copperplate map engraver, for men only, to fill a vacancy in the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., at from $3 a day when actually employed to $1,600 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in places requiring similar qualifications. As no applications were filed for the examination for this position announced for Nov. 10, 1913, qualified persons are urged to enter this examination. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination. They will be rated upon the character and degree of excellence of the samples of engraving which must be submitted with examination Form 1,800 and special form. Age, 18 years or over on the date of the examination. Further information may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The storm that was over the Middle Atlantic States Tuesday has passed northeastward to sea attended by rains Tuesday night in the Middle Atlantic States and the Ohio Valley and snow and rain in New York and New England. It caused heavy snows in Northern New England and the St. Lawrence Valley.

The southwest storm of Tuesday was central Wednesday night near the mouth of the Mississippi River, whence it will move northeastward with rapidly increasing intensity, in anticipation of which storm warnings were displayed.

This storm has already caused rains in the Gulf and South Atlantic States and general though light snows in the Plains States.

Another storm of marked intensity is approaching the North Pacific Coast, where it is causing rains and high winds.

Temperatures have fallen decidedly over the Plains States and have changed little elsewhere.

The southern storm will advance northeastward and be attended by general rains during the next thirty-six hours in the Atlantic States and snows and rains in the region of the Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley. Snows are also probable Thursday in the Mississippi Valley. Over the Plains States and the Rocky Mountain region the weather will be generally fair Thursday and Friday, while west of the Rocky Mountains there will be general rains and snows.

Temperatures will be considerably lower Thursday in the Mississippi Valley and the Gulf States, and Friday throughout the East. They will rise Thursday and Friday in the Northwest.

Winds for Thursday and Friday along the North Atlantic Coast will be moderate, variable, becoming east by Thursday night and increasing; Middle Atlantic Coast, increasing east and southeast, becoming high; South Atlantic Coast, high southeast and south, shifting to northwest Thursday night.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND FRIDAY.

Eastern New York and Southern New England—Increasing cloudiness Thursday, probably followed by rain Thursday afternoon or night; Friday rain or snow, moderate variable winds becoming east and increasing.

New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania—Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Thursday; Friday clearing and colder, increasing east winds.

Western New York—Snow or rain Thursday; Friday snow and colder, increasing east winds.

Northern New England—Cloudy Thursday, probably followed by snow by night; Friday, rain or snow; moderate variable winds, becoming high east Thursday night.

The temperature record for the twenty-four hours ended at midnight, taken from the thermometer at the local office of the United States Weather Bureau, is as follows:

1912.	1913.		1912.	1913.
3 A. M.	20	4 P. M.	27	48
6 A. M.	26	6 P. M.	28	46
9 A. M.	26	9 P. M.	28	44
12 M.	24	11 P. M.	26	44

This thermometer is 414 feet above the street level. The average temperature yesterday was 44; for the corresponding date last year it was 28; average on the corresponding date for the last thirty-three years, 33.

The temperature at 8 A. M. yesterday was 39; at 8 P. M. it was 44. Maximum temperature, 49 degrees at 2 P. M.; minimum, 38 degrees at 7 A. M. Humidity, 79 per cent. at 8 A. M.; 69 per cent. at 8 P. M.

The barometer at 8 A. M. yesterday registered 29.99 inches; at 8 P. M. it stood at 30.03 inches.

FIRE RECORD.

A. M. Loss.
12:15—368 W. 50 St.; Wm. Helub....Trifling
1:00—Front 142 W. 44 St.; Yellow Taxicab Co.....Not given
4:15—Foot E. 46 St.; Daly & Ires....$2,000
7:53—30 E. 21 St.; Suffolk Engraving Co.....$300
8:15—227 Riverside Dr.; Central Realty Co.....$50
10:00—203 Greenwich St.; Smith & McNeil's.....$25
P. M.
1:15—54 Cherry St.; not given.....Trifling
2:30—444 Broadway; not given.....Trifling
3:25—1 West 133d St.;.....Trifling
6:20—265 7th Av.; H. Mandel.....$500
6:35—50 W. 17th St.; Hohenwitz Bros.Trifling
8:00—692 10th Av.; not given.....Trif.
9:05—149 W. 100th St.; J. Kolmick....Trif.
9:45—451 Claremont Pky.; J. Scherber....$10

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS.

Police Department.

Desig. as Act. Det. Serg. and assign. Mayor's off., Owen J. Carney. Reinstatement, Patrol. J. E. J. Scully. Trans., Serg. E. P. O'Hara, 22 Prect. to 155 Prect.; Patrol. J. H. Butler, Com. Off. to 1 Prect. Det. Div., Act. Serg. D. F. Hallinan, 65 Prect. to 12 Prect. Approved, Act. Det. Sergs. Herman Meyer and F. A. Buddemeyer, to pay from Nov. 24 to Dec. 1.

Fire Department.

Adv. in Grade.—To 3d Grade—M. A. Rice, C. M. Caclay, J. J. Lewis, C. E. Christman, S. P. McGuigan, J. E. McCann, W. C. Hansen, J. A. Johnson, W. R. Allen, H. B. Levy, W. P. Schultz, H. H. Kolbenheyer, V. F. Lyons, William Echtermeyer, C. J. Whately, J. J. Martin, B. J. Lynch, C. C. Roggenkamp, F. M. Falion, H. J. Mullen, Fred Gentsch, P. J. O'Brien, V. J. Davis, Jos. Dubois, S. E. Mendelsohn, J. T. Tenney, A. M. McLaughlin, D. J. Calaghan, J. J. Dornself, Andrew Dunn, Chester Crockett, C. A. Cramb, Ed Cramer.

To 1st Grade—J. E. Gunn, J. J. Sweeney, John Steffens, W. F. Muller, F. C. Delieri, J. J. Kelly, Jr., T. F. O'Leary, W. L. J. Coffey, W. F. O'Connell, E. J. Kelly, J. F. Crane, A. Brein, Patrick Cotter, John Carmody, J. T. Maguire, E. A. Allen, T. J. Brennan, 1st, C. J. Blummert, Sam'l Felman, T. F. Haley, W. J. Neill, M. A. O'Connor, A. Dammeyer, M. S. Loughlin, David Bisso, J. G. Kleinklaus, V. E. Shakespeare, J. J. Norton, Frank Manney, J. R. Meares, J. F. Zeigler, J. A. Yost, Wm. Levy, P. E. Moore, W. J. Steinmetz, W. H. McGrath, M. J. Dowd, Jr., Jacob Anschutz, A. B. Wright, H. E. Cordes, J. A. Walsh, 2d, E. N. McKay, Louis Ptacek, Jr., A. B. Wiggelman, G. J. Daly, F. J. Mavemeyer, C. A. Hambler, 2d, A. Stack.

The following-named members of the department will report to 7th Reg. Armory for practice: J. T. Foote, T. S. Richards, Wm. Haney, Jos. Roe, Jr., E. A. Dammeyer, E. A. Woolley, (2d Sec.), Marion Ferguson, W. A. Walsh, F. Ergenzinger, Frank Munn, J. J. O'Keefe, Ralph Bornholz, I. W. Chatterway, Chas. Charous, Jos. Stack, C. A. Wolmer, Jr., W. F. Gallagher, Ernest Bernsen, A. J. Muir, E. S. Clements, J. A. Unrath, A. M. Forster, W. H. Breuer, Jos. Miller, No. 8, F. Bruno, A. T. Cole, Alex. Ungerer, C. E. Brown.

Transfer: Chief Bat. C. R. Griffiths, Rel. Off. to 2d Batt.

Detail: Fire Alarm Mitchel, Eng. 243, to Deputy. Chf. 12 Div., as driver; Francis Blessing, Eng. 93; J. E. Kavanagh, Eng. 67; R. A. Sweeney, H. & L. 45 as chauffeurs; Lieut. J. F. Finnell, Eng. 90, to Hqutr.

Retired: Lieut. M. Walsh, H. & L 129, 20 yrs., pen. $1,050 a yr.

WILLS FOR PROBATE.

BECKERT, PAUL R., (died Nov. 29;) left more than $10,000 personalty; $1,000 to Elizabeth C. Beckert, his sister, and each to Adrien C. Beckert, his brother, and Martha F. Lorenz, his sister; residuary to Arthur P Beckert, his son.

CHOPAK, ADOLPH, (died Dec. 15;) left about $5,750 realty and $1,600 personalty; $800 to Lottie Tishler, his niece; $200 to Mary Tishler, his sister-in-law; $1,000 each to Paul and Jacob Chopak, brothers, and Esther Tishler, his sister.

DIAMOND, ANNIE, (died Dec. 9;) left less than $10,000 each of realty and personalty; $1,050 to the Home of the Daughters of Jacob, $500 to Talmud Thorah School, $500 each to the Yeshibath Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Society, Betsy and Lottie Wallowitz and Fanny Greenberg, her nieces; life interest and contingent remainder in $500 to Jennie Wallowitz, niece; $250 each to Rose Simpson and Ettie Silver, nieces; $200 each to the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, Beth Israel Hospital, the Noshim Rachmonioth Society, the Chesed Shell Emeth Society, and the Yeshiveth Etz Chaim School; $150 each to Harry Levy, nephew, and Mrs. Tessie Hurwitz, cousin; $100 to Fannie Yeamans, cousin; $50 each to Albert Kruger and Joshua Samuel Solomon, friends; $25 each to Mendel Levy, Jacob Wallowitz, Bernard A. Greenberg, nephews, and Esther Kaufman and Sarah Wallowitz, nieces; $275 and an interest in the residuary to Sarah Rebecca, Discount, niece; one share in the Jewish Colonial Bank of England to Leon Silver, nephew.

HIRSCHBERG, JULIUS, (died Dec. 19;) left more than $50,000 personalty; $5,000 each to Laura Reiche and Auguste Blechsteverder; $7,500 in trust to Constance Coleman, residuary to Arthur Hirshberg, his son.

HUERSTEL, JULIA, (died Dec. 11;) left more than $1,000 personalty; $300 to Woodlawn Cemetery; bequests of unknown value to Leonie Huerstel Scott, Clarence Arthur, Edwin Francis T., and Percival Arnold Huerstel, his children.

KENNEDY, MARGARET, (died Dec. 7;) left $7,000 realty and $8,100 personalty; $3,000 to Anna Kennedy, her cousin; $1,500 each to St. Rose of Lima's Roman Catholic Church and Jennie Rasnell, her cousin; $1,000 each to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum at Fordham Heights, the Cancer Hospital for Incurables, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and to Minnie Kennedy, her cousin; $500 each to the Purgatorian Societies of the Church of the Redemption, the Paulist Church, the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin; $250 each to Sister Casimir and Sister Lawrence Winifred; $150 to St. Raymond's Cemetery, $15 to Margaret O'Keefe, specific legacies to Margaret O'Keefe, Alice Merchant, and Bella Gray.

KNUEPFER, HELENB, (died Aug. 29;) left $550 personalty; $5 to August Knuepfer; residuary to Marie Knuepfer, her daughter.

MARTIN, JAMES, (died Dec. 8;) left more than $5,000 realty and about $900 personalty, the equal shares to Ella M. Kennedy, Stanley D. Martin, Flora Lawrence, his children; $750 is to be deducted from the share received by Flora Lawrence.

ROSENHAUPT, JOSEPH, (died Dec. 16;) left about $607 to Theresa Rosenhaupt, his wife.

SCHWANAWEDE, HENRY, (died Nov. 7;) left $12,000 personalty to Caroline Schwanawede, his wife.

ESTATES APPRAISED.

DETWEILER, JOHN, (died April 2, 1913;) gross estate, $4,231.89; equity in 2,152 La Fontaine Avenue, $3,956.94; bank account, $274.46.

GRAY, JENNIE L., (died March 3, 1913;) net estate, $2,911.90; bank accounts, $1,846.91; cash, $600; promissory notes with interest, $773; jewelry, $10; furniture, $100.

GUTMANN, EMIL, (died Aug. 24, 1911;) net estate, $25,874.70; two violins, $250; 4 shares Adelaide Realty Company stock, $16,-051.88; interest in co-partnership of Frank & Gutman at 550 Broadway, $11,510.59.

HEFFERT, EMMA, (died Oct. 1, 1913;) gross estate, $1,963.63; bank accounts, $1,-823.63; jewelry, $140.

HERMANN, FERDINAND, (died Sept. 28, 1912;) gross estate, $2,010,383.14; net estate, $1,480,750.55; left $2,500 each to the United Hebrew Charities, the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society, the Visiting Guild for Crippled Children, the Mount Sinai Hospital, the Montefiore Home, and the New York Society for Ethical Culture; $2,000 each to the St. John's Guild and the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor; residue to relatives; total realty, $175,341.25; premises 22 East Eighty-eighth Street, $76,000; the "Williams Place" in Tarrytown, N. Y., $26,017.50; the "Hermann Cottage" in Tarrytown, $52,416.85; lots at Long Beach, $18,000; "Hill Crest" property in Tarrytown, $10,900; other property in Tarrytown, $26,875; deposit with Speyer & Co. with accrued interest, $1,072,893.29; other bank accounts, $2,054.42; jewelry, $1,655; automobiles, wagons, &c., $5,015; promissory notes, claims, &c., $65,059.91; insurance, $1,-803; stocks and bonds, $801,946.04; stocks as follows: Five shares Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Company preferred, 400 shares Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, 115 shares General Chemical Company common, 800 shares Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company, 300 shares Lackawanna Steel Company, 300 shares National Railways of Mexico, 500 shares Pittsburgh Steel Company, 300 shares M. Rumely & Co., 187 shares Ray Consolidated Copper Company, 200 shares the Studebaker Corporation, 150 shares the Woolworth Company, 1,000 shares British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, 500 shares Kerr Lake Mining Company, 500 shares Crocker Wheeler Company, 250 shares Hudson Companies preferred, 5 shares New German Theatre, 160 shares Prometheus Electric Company, 155 shares Poly Phase Ignition System Company, 50 shares Motor Tally-Ho Company, 1 share American Newsboys Company preferred, 500 shares Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited, 15,783 shares Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited, 100 shares Brazil Railway Company, 20 shares Metropolitan District Railway, 135 shares Banco Territorial de la Isla de Cuba, 80 shares Societe Financiere Franco American, 500 shares Banco Mexicano de Comercio E. Industria, 60 shares Maiden Royale, Bonds as follows: $30,000 Lackawanna Steel Company, $20,000 St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, $10,000 Virginia debt certificate receipts, $5,000 Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, $20,000 Provident Loan Society of New York, $500 Freundschaft Society of the City of New York, $1,500 Century Country Club, $5,000 Poly Phase Ignition System Company, $8,000 Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited, £2,000 Brazil Railway Company, £2,000 Nicaragua, $50,000 Guayaquil & Quito Railway Company; share in profits of Speyer & Co., bankers, $90,-399.44; box at Metropolitan Safe Deposit, $1,518; unexpired premiums on insurance policies, $323.19; uncashed check, $74.50.

KINDBERG, EDWARD O., (died March 30, 1909;) gross estate, $77,617.75; premises 132 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn, $7,500; premises 291 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, $6,000; premises 80 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, $9,000; premises 620 President Street, Brooklyn, $5,625; premises 214 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, $10,500; total realty, $39,125; bank accounts, $7,530.37; rebate, $2; bonds and mortgages with accrued interest, $23,-393.07; judgment, $6,296.81; personal effects, $1,750.50; two shares Norwegian News Company stock, $50.

LANE, EDWARD, (died Feb. 20, 1911;) net estate in New York, $6,121.10; 100 shares Fitchburg Railroad stock, $3,187.73; thirty shares American Telephone & Telegraph Company, $4,880.

LEWIS, MARY WILHELMINA, (died Jan. 9, 1913;) net estate, $32,398.70; bank accounts, $9,450.49; personal effects, $238.55; bonds and mortgages, with accrued interest, $20,-221.66; accumulated salary, $12,657.74; money due, $107.63; refunds, $57.11; conditional bequest under will of Anna M. Moore, $830.

LIGUORI, ANTONIO, (died Aug. 9, 1911;) net estate, $5,425.82; one-half interest in 427 East 115th Street, $2,000; equity in one-half interest in 2,263 Second Avenue, $1,000; equity in lots in Suffolk County and in New York, $3,041.82; total realty, $6,041.22; bank account, $369.56; jewelry, $54.

KITTREDGE, ABBOTT E., (died Dec. 17, 1912;) net estate, $59,430.88; bank accounts, $2,542.02; stocks, $85,090; bonds, $20,811.88; insurance, $4,903.05; books and pictures, $330; stocks as follows: 50 shares Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, 10 shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, 20 shares American Brake & Shoe Foundry Company, 15 shares United States Rubber Company, 22 shares Fuget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company, 10 shares Northern Texas Electric Company, 10 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 20 shares United States Steel preferred, 20 shares Great Northern Railway, 20 shares Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, 80 shares Union Pacific Railway, 1 share Seabright Golf Club, 18 shares Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company; bonds as follows: $10,000 Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, $2,000 Michigan State Telephone Company, $2,000 American Brake Shoe & Foundry Company, $2,000 New Orleans Terminal Company, $1,000 Northern Pacific Railway, $3,000 Pekin Union Railway Company, $1,000 Union Pacific Railway, 1 share Seabright Ipeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company, 10 shares stock American Woolen Company.

MOSSMAN, JOHN M., (died March 5, 1912;) net estate, $664,271.79; equity in 1,260 to 1,268 Third Avenue and 184 East Seventy-third Street, $80,071; bank accounts, $34,-533.25; insurance policy, $5,000; bonds and mortgages with accrued interest, $99,880; stocks and bonds, $449,347.08; stocks as follows: 370 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 240 shares Brooklyn Union Gas Company, 320 shares Fidelity & Trust Company, 10 shares Title Guarantee & Trust Company, 200 shares American Surety Company, 300 shares Lawyers' Title Insurance & Trust Company, 26 shares Union Trust Company, 14 shares Washington Trust Company, 300 shares Northern Pacific Railway Company, 30 shares Great Northern Iron Ore, 400 shares Great Northern Railway Company, 20 shares Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, 120 shares J. M. Mossman Company, 1 share Northern Securities Company; $5,000 bond Metropolitan Railway Company of Kansas City.

TATUM, ALBERT H. (died Aug. 31, 1912;) net estate, $196,610.44; bank accounts, $14,287.22; motor boat, $700; bond and mortgage, $5,098.75; money due, &c., $3,974.96; jewelry, $427.15; stock, $181,-686.52; 1 share Federal Safe Deposit Company, 775 shares Whitall-Tatum Company common, 400 shares Whitall-Tatum Company preferred, 373 shares Nipissing Mines Company, 5 shares Rumson Club, 1,867 shares silver Pick Mining Company, certificate of profit issued by Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company.

WEGLAN, LEOPOLD P. F., (died June 2, 1908;) gross estate in New York, $11,389.85; 30 shares Mergenthaler Linotype Company, $5,970; deposit with H. B. Claflin & Co., $5,419.85.

THE UNITED SERVICE.

Army Orders.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Capt. L. B. Moody, Ord. Dept., 3 visits during Jan., Feb., and March to Richmond, Va.

Maj. W. D. Newbill, 4 Art., to San Francisco.

Capt. D. P. Cordray, 26 Inf., retired, rank of Major.

Navy Orders.

Capt. C. P. Plunkett, the S. Dak., to com. N. Dak.

Capt. J. H. Glennon, the Fla., to com. Wyoming.

Capt. W. R. Rush, the Washington, to com. the Fla.

Com. N. E. Irwin, the Charleston, to com. the N. O.

Lt. Com. W. P. Cronan, the Jouett, to N. Dept.

Lt. I. H. Lacy, to temp. duty, N. War Col., Newport.

Lt. R. F. Zogbaum, to com. Jouett.

Lt. T. M. Tipton, Whipple, to Denver.

Ens. R. P. E. Elmer, the N. J., to Train. Stat., Great Lakes, Ill.

Ens. G. M. Cook, Charleston, S. C., to MacDonough.

Ens. J. B. Oldendorf, the Denver, to Whipple.

P. A. Surg. L. W. McGuire, Norfolk, Va., and F. K. Koltes, the N. Dak.; Surg. D. N. Carpenter, the Tenn.; Asst. Surgs. C. F. Carlton, the Panther, and R. F. Sheehan, Atl. Reserve Flt., all to 1st Reg. Advance Base Brigade.

Asst. P. M. F. C. Bowerfind, the Albany, to the N. O.

Chf. Mach. F. H. Richwien, retired, (disability.)

P. M. Clerks T. J. Bolan and H. Guilmette, appt. to the Dela., and E. R. McKenzie, to the N. O.

Naval Vessels.

Arrived—Pittsburgh, at Altata, Mex.; Perry, at Santiago de Cuba; Cummings, at Dry Tortugas; Juston, at San Diego; Supply, at Guam.

Sailed—Jason, Hpt. Rds. for final trial; Ohio, Charleston for Dela. Breakwater; Caesar, Cristobal for Pensacola.

Orders: Olympia from duty as barracks ship, Charleston, to ordinary at the N. Y. there. Calif. and Yorktown, target pract., San Diego, sbt. Dec. 29. The Minn., from Phila. Jan. 2 for Mex., to relieve the Mich., calling at Lynnhaven Roads to receive men. The Ga., from Boston Jan. 2 for Mex., to relieve the N. J., calling at Newport and Hampt. Rds. en route. The N. H., to N. Y., Norfolk, for repairs, instead of N. Y.

Real Estate
10 cents a line.

Manhattan—For Sale.

West Side.

GOING TO EUROPE! ! MUST SELL! ! !
Four-story and basement dwelling in the seventies near Riverside Drive; strictly high class; no reasonable offer refused. Milton Hart Attorney, 140 Nassau St.

Bronx—For Sale or to Let.

MUST SACRIFICE NEW LAW APARTMENT HOUSE, BRONX; 20% NET INCOME. KAHN, 332 BROADWAY. PHONE SPRING 2147.

Queens—For Sale or to Let.

MODERN HOUSE.
Seven rooms and bath; all modern improvements; 30 minutes out; $100 cash, $18 per month; bargain to quick buyer. Address House, Box 83 Downtown.

Long Island—For Sale or to Let.

Will sacrifice my beautiful Woodmere plot to a quick purchaser; 31 minutes out; near station and water; 80 trains daily. Good, 301 W. 96.

Hicksville—Bargain, 73-acre farm. A. S. Kuhn, owner, Hotel Flanders, 47th St.

New Jersey—For Sale or to Let.

Fanwood, the beautiful, has better and prettier houses to offer; also bigger and better plots; let us send you particulars. H. C. Lockwood Co., Woolworth Bldg.

40-acre farm for sale, at Long Branch; beautiful location; elegant condition; $30,000. Address Farm, 54 W. 68th.

Real Estate Wanted.

Wanted.—Working plant with dry kilns or suitable buildings on water edge or railroad from Southern points within 25 miles of Times Square. Reply Plant, D 38 Times.

Building Material

Big sale on 7th Avenue Subway line: Church and thirty tenement buildings, 4, 5, or 6 stories; must be demolished and immediately sold as follows: Church organ, church benches, church windows, church furnace, chandeliers, 200,000 feet timber, 2,000 doors, 2,000 flat windows, 500 ranges, bathtubs, 2,000 sinks, 20,000 boards, 20,000 joist, &c.; different kind of closets; salesman always on premises. 70 Carmine St., 45 Leroy St., Bedford Church, New York.

Mortgage Loans.

MORTGAGE MONEY.—Firsts, 5%; seconds, 6%. R. M. de Leeuw & Co., 15 Broad St.

To Let for Business Purposes.
10 cents a line.

FACTORY LOFTS.
45x85; all light; rent, $960 per year; including steam heat, electricity, freight elevator; very low insurance rate. Corner Patchen Av. and Madison St., Brooklyn.

Loft, 5,600 square feet, for light manufacturing purposes; light as day. Apply Brackett Realty Co., 122 East 25th St.

Broadway, 1,544, (46th St.)—Second-story store, entire floor, $75 to $150; offices and studios, $12 up.

Offices, very light, steam heated, 109 Broad St.: $15 per month up.

Fifth Avenue Building, Room 459.—Part of office, $12; with desk, $15.

Apartments to Let
Furnished.
10 cents a line.

West Side.

A.—A.—CATHEDRAL PLAZA.
100 Cathedral Parkway, 110th, Columbus Av, L, 2 AND 3 ROOMS.
Private bath, kitchenette, furnished, $30, $40, $50 up monthly; unfurnished, $25, $30, $40; elevator, hotel service; near "L" and Subway; references: special rates on lease.

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70th St. and Broadway.
Seven light rooms, facing Broadway; exquisitely furnished; two baths. Apartment 3C. Phone 684 Columbus.

To Sublet.—Modern apartment at 48 East 82d St., furnished or unfurnished; 6 light rooms, two baths; all conveniences; immediate possession. Telephone 4737 Lenox or inspect.

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95th St., 330 West.—Exceptionally furnished seven rooms, elevator apartment; piano; library; references. Apt. 23.

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LOST.—Tuesday, black fur collar, Manhattan or Brooklyn, marked inside Jacob Pizovar; reward. Johnson, 151 Lafayette Av., Brooklyn.

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GRAFT 'FIXER' TOOK TOLL ON CONTRACTS

Whitman's Search Reveals New Figure in the Highway Looting Ring.

HAS 20 NEW WITNESSES

Seeks Indictments Before Year Ends —Ex-Inspector Tells How "Albany" Overruled His Decisions.

District Attorney Whitman, pursuing with grim energy his search for grafters in campaign contributions and State highway and barge canal contracts, yesterday discovered a "fixer" for contractors. His existence had before not been suspected. This "fixer," it is asserted, had headquarters in Albany, and bled contractors who had been unable to get final payments due them from the State for work done.

Twenty new witnesses have been found by District Attorney Whitman and his investigators to support the charge that politicians, through the medium of dishonest officials in State departments, robbed the State of hundreds of thousands of dollars in recent years.

The controversy which arose over the proposed appointment of Whitman as a Deputy Attorney General, with Statewide power, apparently has stirred the District Attorney to greater energy than ever. Gov. Glynn's refusal to make the appointment merely acted as a spur to Whitman. He was busy all day yesterday in matters relating to the great inquiry.

Two of the new witnesses conferred with Whitman yesterday. John A. Hennessy accompanied them and they remained for a long time. One of them was an ex-inspector of highways. Ten minutes after they had gone two special process servers were sent up-State with subpoenas. It was clear that Whitman was not going to let up-State contractors rest even on Christmas Day. It was intimated that the information was so important that no time could be wasted.

The new information, it is understood, concerns an ex-official in the Highway Department and an Albany contractor. It was this contractor who was known as the "fixer." This "fixer," it was asserted, bled contractors on a business basis. Contractors had to come to him, it was said, to get an order for the final payments due them for work done for the State. He charged then 10 per cent. of the amount due and then passed the "O K" as it was known to an official in the Highway Department.

Whitman, it is understood, has traced thousands of dollars to this "fixer." The ex-Inspector who called on the District Attorney yesterday, it was said, explained how work which he regarded as "rotten," which he refused to approve, was approved over his head by orders from Albany.

The more important witnesses, it is expected, will tell their stories directly to the Grand Jury when it reconvenes on Tuesday. Seven of the witnesses, however, have been subpoenaed to testify at the John Doe inquiry on Monday.

Charles P. Dillon, who was Secretary of the Highway Commission under C. Gordon Reel, is at the Grand Union Hotel awaiting another call from the Grand Jury. Dillon collapsed when questioned on Tuesday and was not able to give all his testimony. Dillon is regarded as one of "Murphy's men." He passed on payrolls, signed important papers, and had supervision of many matters in the Highway Commission. Duncan W. Peck and John A. Bensel served on this commission with Reel. Dillon was present when these Commissioners held their meetings.

It was said on good authority yesterday that Whitman would ask for indictments "before the year ends." This means that they will be sought on Tuesday or Wednesday, the last days in the year on which the Grand Jury will sit. These days will mark the close of the first Whitman administration. Whitman has sought one particular indictment for the last five months. He would regard it as a fitting close to his first term, it was said, to bring before the bar the man he has in mind. He is convinced that this man could, if he would, tell enough to convict the whole highway and barge canal graft ring.

EXPECT OSBORNE TO QUIT.

State Graft Investigator Is Likely to Abandon the Task.

James W. Osborne, appointed by Gov. Glynn to make a State-wide search for graft, was asked yesterday to confirm or deny a report that he had resigned his commission. Mr. Osborne was informed that a report had gained wide circulation that he had sent a letter to Gov. Glynn, in which he said that he would conclude such inquiries as he had begun, but that when that work was done he desired to quit.

"If these reports say that Gov. Glynn received my resignation you'll have to see Gov. Glynn about it," Mr. Osborne said.

That was as far as Mr. Osborne would go. Color was lent to the report because of the recent controversy in which Osborne, District Attorney Whitman, and Gov. Glynn participated.

Friends of Osborne were quite confident last night that his refusal to confirm or deny the report of his resignation was a pretty good indication that either he had abandoned the job or intended to do so. It was said by these friends that Osborne, personally, had desired to have Whitman made a Deputy Attorney General and was disappointed at the reception which his "plan" received when it was proposed to Gov. Glynn.

Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—When Gov. Glynn was asked about the report that Mr. Osborne had resigned he said that Osborne would be here on Friday to resume his investigation. Gov. Glynn said he had received this assurance from Osborne.

Gov. Glynn, it was asserted later by his secretary, had received no letter of resignation from Osborne.

What Gov. Glynn described as his "last word in the Whitman case" was issued to-day from the Executive Chamber in the form of this statement:

"Neither the Governor nor the Attorney General has power to appoint a Deputy Attorney with such blanket powers as Mr. Whitman asked. There is nothing in the law to give the Governor or the Attorney General such authority, and there is nothing in the Constitution conferring such authority. In the whole history of the State no Governor has tried to exercise such blanket powers, and no man ever has asked the Governor until Mr. Whitman asked me.

"In my position in this matter I stand with my feet on the bedrock of law. No clamor nor criticism will drive me from it. I was asked to do a legal impossibility, and I refused to do it. Now, that is my final word on the Whitman case."

The statement was issued after the Governor had been advised regarding the law by Attorney General Carmody.

FITZGERALD DENIES ALL.

Says Meadow Prison Contract Was Carried Out Honestly.

Special to The New York Times.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—At the resumption to-day of the trial of former Prison Supt. C. V. Collins and Michael J. Fitzgerald, charged with grand larceny in the first degree in connection with the contract for the Great Meadow Prison water system, Fitzgerald, who had the contract for the work, was sworn by the defense.

Fitzgerald denied that he had any intimation from Collins or any other State official as to what the amount of the other bids for the work might be and had no understanding with the other bidders as to what figure he should give.

Witness said that all of his work was done under the personal supervision of David R. Lee, the resident engineer; that Lee refused to certify to his claims on parts of the work until he had made them conform with Lee's interpretation of the plans and specifications; that every part of the job was carried out according to contract and that no money was collected from the State that was not actually earned.

George Coutie of Troy, master mechanic of the State Prison Department, swore that he recommended the pipe used on the job to Collins before the purchase was made.

Adjournment was taken until Monday.

Puts Off Dunn's Sentence.

NEWBURG, Dec. 24.—The sentencing of Bart Dunn and Joseph G. Fogarty was postponed to-day by Judge Tompkins until next Monday at New City. The men were found guilty by a Rockland County jury of fraud in constructing State highways.

Work on State Capitol Stopped.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Work on the burned section of the fourth, fifth, and sixth floors of the State Capitol stopped to-day on the recommendation of a subcommittee which has been investigating the contract. The rebuilding has been under investigation for some time in an effort to determine whether it was being done as economically as possible. The contractors were working on a percentage basis. John A. Hennessy inquired into the contract for Gov. Sulzer and recommended that the work be finished under percentage. Hennessy's assertion was that too many men were being employed.

SHOW FILMS UNDER NEW COURT ORDER

Theatres Exhibit White Slave Pictures Under Justice Ford's Injunction.

WALDO HEARS FROM MAYOR

Police Warned to Obey Court's Instructions—Attorney Threatens Contempt Proceedings.

Under the protection of a new injunction, the white slave films were shown to big crowds at the Park and Bijou Theatres last night. The Bijou, where there was a raid on Tuesday night, did not open yesterday afternoon, the management awaiting the outcome of the hearing of the Park Theatre's injunction proceedings before Supreme Court Justice Gavegan. When word came that the hearing had been put over until to-morrow, the Bijou Theatre exhibitors announced that they would give the show at 7 o'clock.

The new injunction was obtained by the exhibitors of the films at the Bijou Theatre, and was issued by Justice Ford yesterday afternoon. It was Justice Ford who issued the order restraining the police from interfering with the pictures at the Park Theatre after the raid there last Saturday. The new injunction was made returnable next Monday before Justice Gavegan.

The four employes of the Bijou Theatre who were arrested in the raid on Tuesday night waived examination before Magistrate Murphy yesterday afternoon. They were represented by Frederick E. Goldsmith.

Magistrate Murphy said that Sergt. Quinn, who took part in both of the raids, had an unexecuted warrant which he would serve just as soon as he could catch the man it called for. The name of the man was not made public, but it is understood that he is a person interested in the manufacture of the films.

When the hearing on the temporary injunction obtained by the management of the Park Theatre last Saturday came up before Justice Gavegan yesterday morning Robert L. Turk, attorney for the Sociological Research Film Corporation, said that he would try to bring contempt proceedings against Deputy Police Commissioner Newburger, Police Sergt. Quinn, and others who took part in Tuesday night's raids. He also said that he might proceed against Magistrate Murphy, who issued the Bijou Theatre warrants after the first injunction had been granted. Mr. Turk said that the injunction obtained by the Park Theatre on last Saturday restrained the police from interfering with the white slave films wherever shown. He asked that the hearing on the injunction be adjourned until to-morrow and Justice Gavegan granted the request. Mr. Turk said that he would ask Justice Ford to-morrow for an order compelling the police officials who took part in the Bijou raid to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt.

Police Commissioner Waldo was asked yesterday if it was true that he had received a letter from Mayor Kline regarding the raid by the police on the Bijou Theatre.

"I received word from the Mayor's secretary," he said, "for the police to observe the court's injunction, and of course the police will do that."

Samuel H. London, the former white slave investigator, who wrote the moving picture play which has caused all of the trouble, issued a statement last night in which he said that many attempts had been made without success to get the city authorities to pass upon the pictures.

Mr. London said that he resigned yesterday from the office of President of the Moral Feature Film Company, the concern which took the pictures. He said that neither he nor that company had any part in the presentation of the pictures.

"Unless the managers of theatres desist from using my name," said Mr. London, "except as the author of the scenario, I will have them enjoined."

TWO DAYS IN CISTERN.

Woman Rescued from Five Feet of Water, Her Fingers Frozen.

CALIFON, N. J., Dec. 24.—After having been in five feet of water in a cistern for two days, Mrs. Elizabeth Crotsley, the widow of John C. Crotsley of Fairmount, was rescued to-day in a semi-conscious condition, with the tips of her fingers frozen. Passing the Crotsley home to-day on their way to town, Mrs. Casper Covert and her son heard moans issuing from the cistern, which was near the dirt road on which they were driving.

They found Mrs. Crotsley with her fingers practically frozen into the crevices on the side of the cistern, at which she had clutched to keep her head above water. She has been unable to tell a coherent story. It is thought she was walking across the top of the cistern, when the planking gave way.

Thaw Commission Takes a Recess.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 24.—The commission appointed by the Federal Court to determine the present mental condition of Harry K. Thaw in connection with his application to be released on bail held a brief session to-day and adjourned until next week.

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